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REACHING FOR EXCELLENCE:

"TO ME, REACHING FOR EXCELLENCE, MEANS STRIVING BEYOND THE NORMAL EXPECTATIONS AND STRETCHING TO REACH ONE'S GREATEST POTENTIAL." MRS. HOWELL

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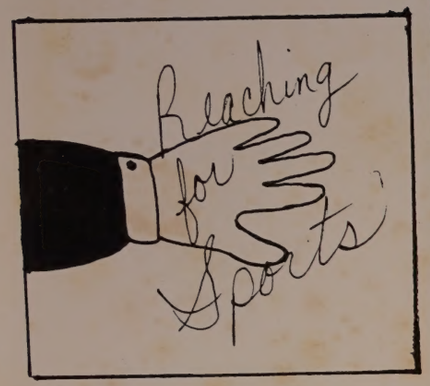

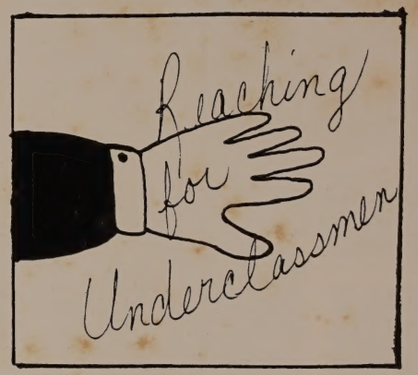

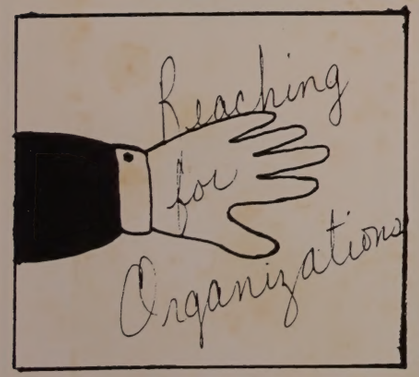

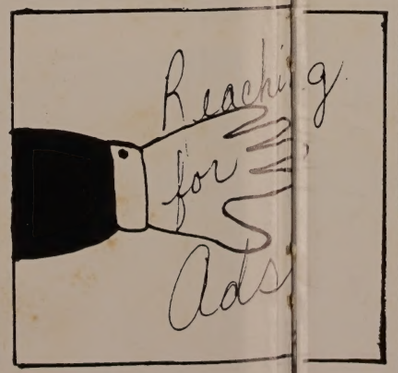

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HOW HAS V.M.S. REWARDED YOUR LIFE?

"Having a good school, friends and teachers."
Latrelle Reno

EXCELLENCE

"One More Time!" That is what "Reaching for Excellence" is all about at Vernon High School. The difference between failure and success is getting up again and trying one more time. Beginning again means more than just a return to classes . . . improving GPA's . . . making a new friend . . . hoping for a championship team . . . it means setting goals a little higher than last year and then trying a little harder to reach them . . . it means reaching for a star — even stretching — to grasp it . . . it means students, parents, community, administration, faculty, and staff working together to realize a dream: to be all we can be.

EXCELLENCE IN

WHAT DOES EXCELLENCE MEAN TO YOU?

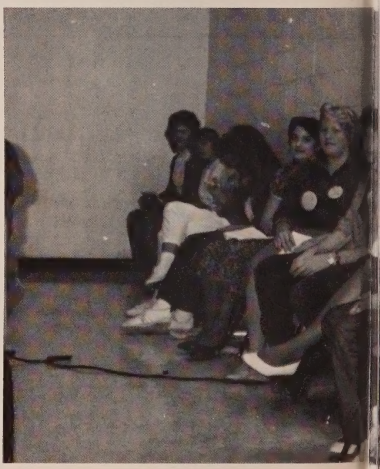
"The best you can be."

Tanya Galloway

HOW DO YOU MAKE LEARNING FUN?

"Give the teachers a sense of humor."

Jason Brown



ACTION

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REACH FOR

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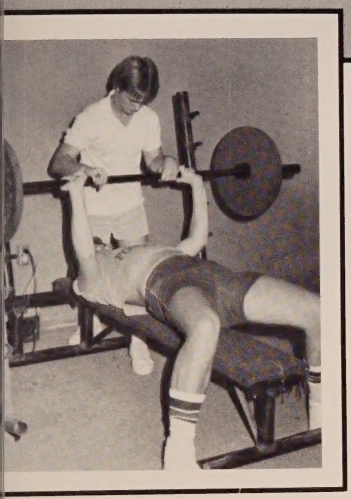
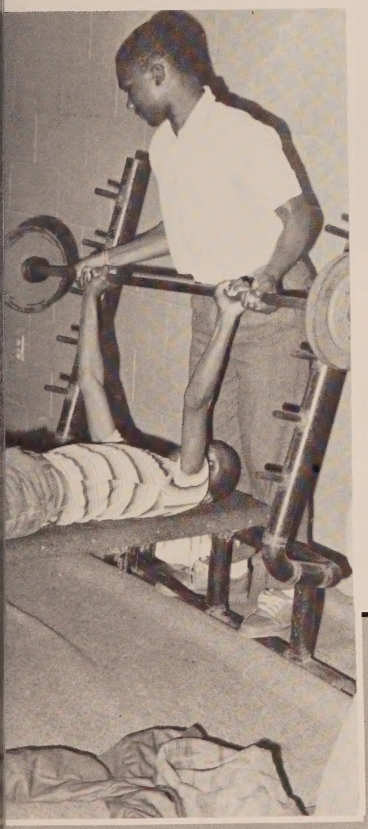
Athletics

Athletics is a vital part of the school and the community. Being a team means working together to win. Even though losing is uncomfortable, good athletes learn from mistakes and keep on trying. That describes the team spirit of the Yellow Jackets.

Strong bodies do not just appear — they are developed. Dripping sweat, aching muscles, sore joints and the feeling of accomplishment resulted from hours and hours of weight lifting, bench pressing and "curling." The coaches stressed body building for a strong team with high endurance and few injuries. The Vernon Yellow Jackets learned the meaning of the expression "No pain, no gain!"

EXCELLENCE

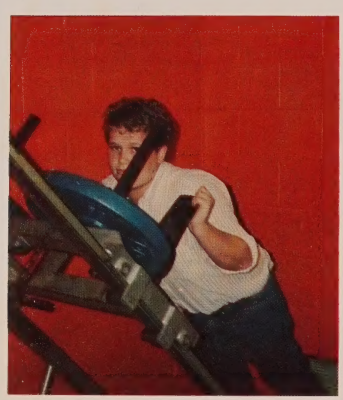




Ms. Lloyd congratulates Patty Cushman and April Brown as Ms. Cook looks on.

"Tear'em up, team!" cry the Lady Jackets. "Beat the Chipley Tigers!"

School spirit is mounting as Crystal Knight, Michelle Satterfield and Sheila Anderson begin a cheer.

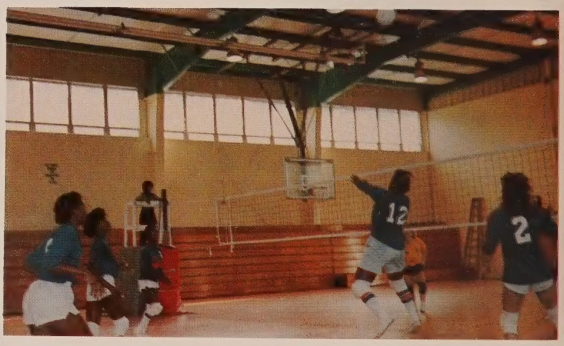


Push harder, Stanley, harder!

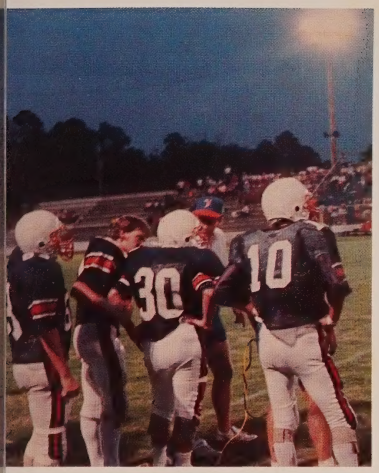
"Even cheerleaders need a break!" says Tonya Harrison to Jennifer Kerr and Tara Thibos.

EXCELLENCE THROUGH EFFORT

Memories were made of this. School would not have been school without extracurricular activities. Sports, cheering, pep rallies were the "Fun Things" that we will remember long after we have left the halls of V.H.S. Years ahead when we look back on 1986-87, we will remember making the most of every opportunity to be a part of the total V.H.S. scene.

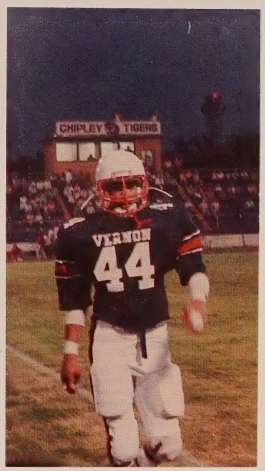


April, is it a bunt or a spike??

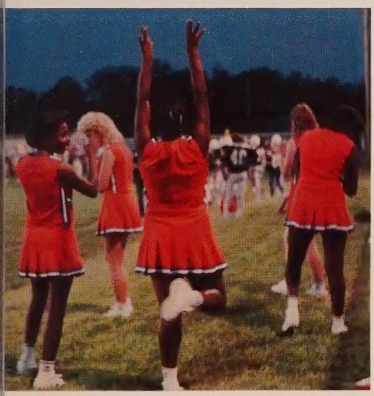


QB Jeff gives play to FB Nick.

"Listen up, team."



Coming from down under, Patty?



VHS pride shows from any postition.

What did the ref say, Tammy?

Get that play, Jeff!

The excitement builds on the sidelines.

"Now is the time to apply the pressure!" Coach Piercy urges.

WE FILL OUR JOB DESCRIPTION

CHEERLEADERS

JV Cheerleaders: (bottom L-R) Latrelle Reno, Lynn Easterling, Carla Pipkin; (middle L-R) Michelle Jenkins, Tara Kent; (top) Tolisha Brown

B-Team Cheerleaders: Jennifer Kerr, Niki Armstrong, and Tonya Harrison

Shelia Anderson prepares for a pep rally routine.

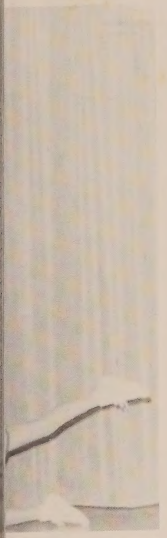
Our cheerleaders took their jobs seriously this year. They supported our teams through thick and thin and urged them on to do their best.

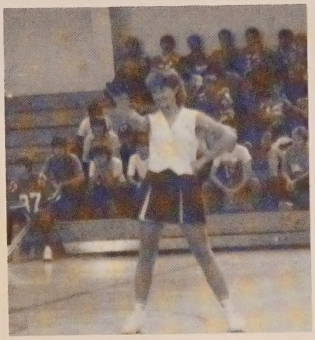
They not only showed their school spirit, but also their community spirit by sponsoring cheerleading clinics for younger girls. Their teamwork was also evident as they worked with the band to rouse the fan's excitement.

The cheerleaders' enthusiasm was infectious; it lifted the spirit of the team and sparked excitement among the fans. The Vernon High School cheerleaders truly filled their job description; they led the cheering!

Varsity Cheerleaders: Sheila Anderson, Beverly Connors, Teresa Hogans, and Donna Jackson.

The J-V squad makes an appearance at our high school pep rally.





Tara Thibos dances at a pep rally.

Niki Armstrong strikes a ?? pose.

EXCELLENCE IN CHEERLEADING

ALL CONFERENCE PRIDE

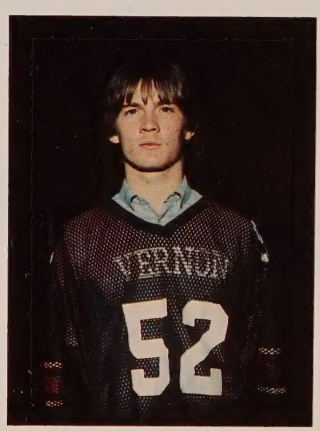
These all-conference and all-tournament players had much of which to be proud. They were selected for this honor by the coaching staff because of their ability and effort. Students were selected from Blountstown, Bonifay, Chipley, Graceville, and Vernon to receive the honor of being an all conference player.

The coaches from these schools met and recommended these players for this recognition. The final decision, however, was made by the school's coaching staff. Congratulations to these students of Vernon.

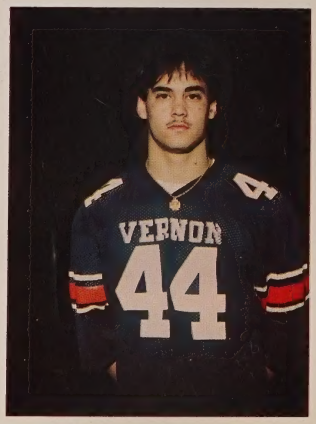
SHEILA ANDERSON, CHEERLEADING

TERESA HOGANS, CHEERLEADING

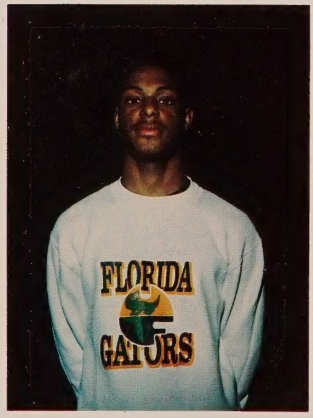
FRANKIE MORRELL, FOOTBALL



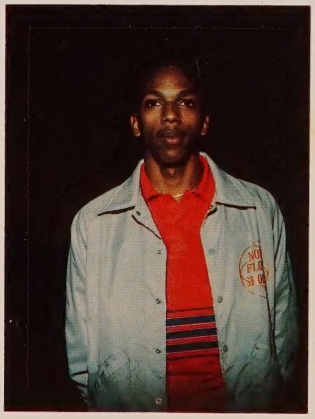
NEIL DENTON, FOOTBALL



NICK VINCELLI, FOOTBALL



KEITH WRIGHT, BASKETBALL



TERRY DAVIS, BASKETBALL

LAURA ALFORD, VOLLEYBALL

OUR RISING PRIDE

SENIOR PLAYERS

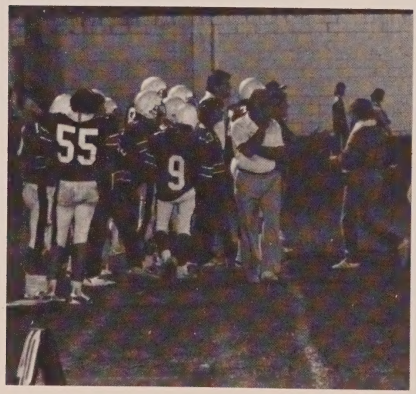
Seniors: Ted Simmons, Jeff Morrell, Nick Vincelli, Brian Pettis, and Eddie Eaton face the future with a special feeling of pride after their accomplishments this year.

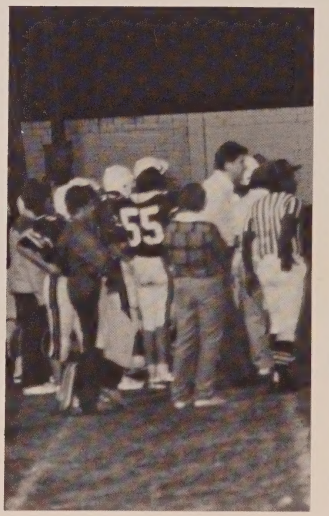
Football reached new heights of success at Vernon this year, because of the extraordinary perseverence and dedication of the players and coaches. The players joined with the coaches and all the fans to prove that the willingness to succeed is one of the most important elements of attaining any goal. Vernon's goal this year was not necessarily to win, but to prove through teamwork we can survive and conquer our obstacles. Many were conquered and our school pride was raised to a new level, because we watched the pride of the team and, therefore, of the individual player increase. Players are: B.Pettis, T.Simmons, E.Eaton, J.Morrell, N.Vincelli, S.Walker, M.Gilley, J.Bell, M.Crawford, R.Prevatt, H.Helms, K.Wright, C.Owens, F.Morrell, J.Ingram, D.Harris, S.Miller, K.Shaw, G.Hewett, N.Denton.

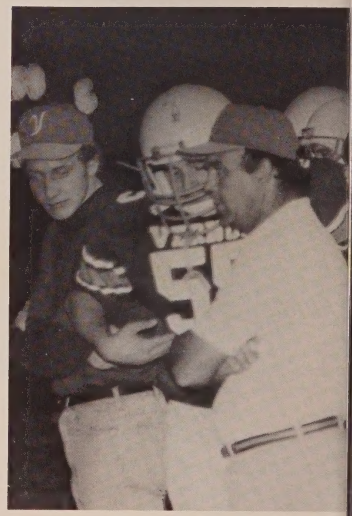
PRIDE INSIDE

WORKING TOGETHER TO BE THE BEST

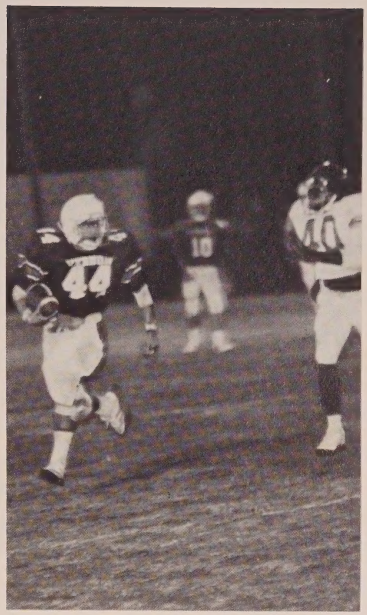
"The season was very disappointing. I anticipated a winning record, but things didn't go our way. For success in the future, I think that Vernon needs a semi-permanent, well-balanced coaching staff. Being a senior, I will miss football very much. Hopefully, I will play in college." Nick Vincelli





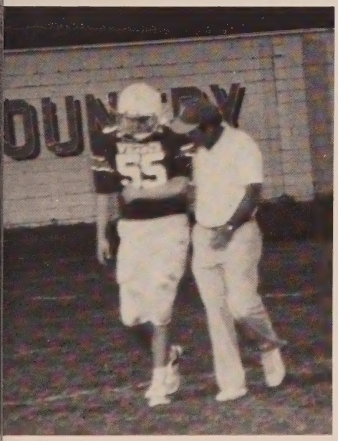


THE LOOK, coaches and teammates intently watching the action.



TOGETHER WE STAND,
DIVIDED WE FALL.
ALL FOR ONE,
ONE FOR ALL.

BELOW: PILE-UP, IN A SCRAMBLE FOR THE BALL.

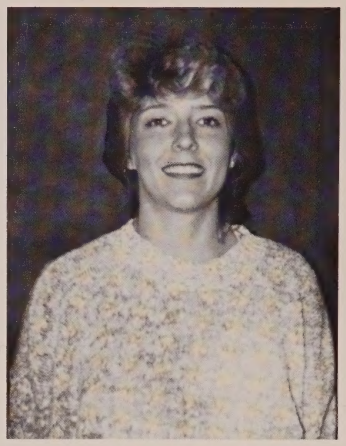


TEAMWORK

Leads to Excellence

Volleyball was an important sport at Vernon. Not only did it provide competition in excellence, it also promoted teamwork and fun. The girls worked hard this year and proved themselves over and over again on the court.

One of the sources of Vernon's pride was the All-Conference players. Patty Cushman and Laura Alford were chosen for that honor this year.



EXCELLENCE IN VOLLEYBALL

This year's volleyball team suffered together through their losses and rejoiced together in their victories. Teamwork was the key to their success.

Melanie Jackson looks a little surprised as the camera catches her unawares. In contrast, the lower picture shows a thrilling moment of jubilation and victory.

A group of spectators anxiously await the outcome of the game, including last year's volleyball coach, Mrs. Mitchell.

This quote from Dr. Piercy expressed her and the volleyball team's attitude towards their sport. With an outlook like theirs and with the talent they displayed, it was easy to see why these players were a success.

"The '86-'87 Varsity Volleyball Team: an outstanding team in many ways. They exhibited talent as individuals and as a team:

T — tough

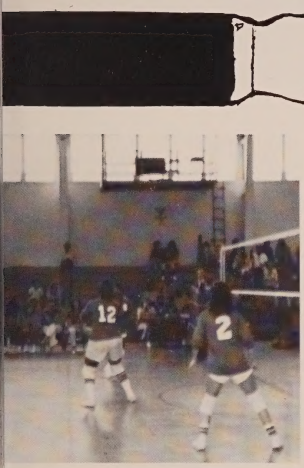
E — energetic

A — alert, active

N — never negative

L — leaders

T — teamwork



'he volleyball team displays their ex-
ellence in these scenes.

Camillia Chambers serves the ball.

Teamwork was a lesson learned by everyone. As displayed below, even opposing coaches had to possess this quality in order to be certain that the games were carried out properly.

Teamwork was the key to all success, especially the success of Vernon's volleyball team.

Coach Alford gives his team final instructions before the game while the players prepare themselves to win. Preparation is required by everyone in everything. It becomes even more vital when a team must work together for the success of the entire group.

Many times the force that pulls the individual players together into one team is the coach. Jeff Morrell sums up his respect for Coach Alford in the following quote: "I really enjoyed this baseball season, even though it wasn't a winning one. I have only one regret: I wish we could have won district for me and for Coach Alford."

Gary Cook prepares to catch the ball and stop another team's runner.

Micheal Watkins displays his throwing arm to impress Vernon fans.

EXCELLENCE IN BASEBALL

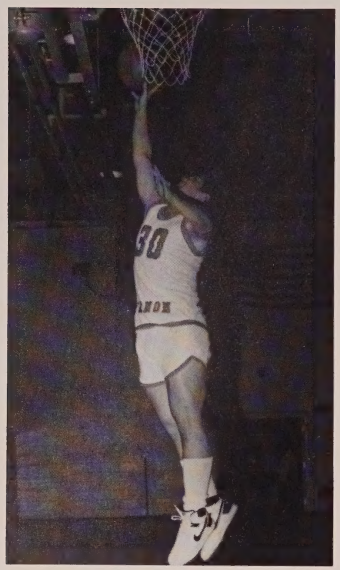
Sean Collins and Clifford Owens had a humorous discussion on the pitcher's mound, proving that a game need not be filled with pressure. A little relief is welcomed even during the biggest game.

"This year our baseball team had a lot of young players. I think we did pretty good, considering there were a lot of first year ball players. We'll have a better season next year."

Sean Collins

Chris Brock, Clifford Owens, Micheal Watkins, Eddie Eaton, Micheal Gilley, Jeff Morrell, Ted Simmons, Brad Hall, Tony McLeod, Gary Cook, Alan Burch, Kenneth Brantley, Norman Parrish, Wesley Hall, Greg Andrews, James Spencer, Sean Collins.

EXCELLENCE IN BASKETBALL



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Throughout Vernon's history in basketball, the Yellow Jackets have made their presence known as a competitive threat to other high schools. This year was no different as Vernon won nine games out of the sixteen played and defeated Bethlehem on the December 26-29 North Florida Shootout.

BASKETBALL SCHEDULE
1986-87
VERNON
"JACKETS"

Nov. 25	Rutherford
x+Nov. 28	Bonifay
x+Dec. 2	Graceville
x+Dec. 5	Chipley
Dec. 9	Malone
x+Dec. 11	Blountstown
Dec. 16	Bay
+Dec. 26-27-29	North Fla. Shootout
Jan. 2	Paxton Tourn.
x Jan. 6	Graceville
+Jan. 9	Marianna
x Jan. 13	Bonifay
Jan. 16	Marianna
+Jan. 20	Poplar Springs
Jan. 22-24	Panhandle Conf. Tourn.
+Jan. 27	Bay
x Jan. 30	Chipley
Feb. 3	Malone
+Feb. 6	Paxton
+Feb. 10	Rutherford
x Feb. 13	Blountstown
+Feb. 14	Ponce De Leon
Feb. 17	Walton
+Feb. 20	Walton
+Feb. 21	Poplar Springs
Feb. 27-28	District Tourn.
Mar. 3	Regional Tourn.
Mar. 7	Sectional Tourn.
Mar. 12-14	State Tourn.

PEPSI

+Home Games
xConference Games

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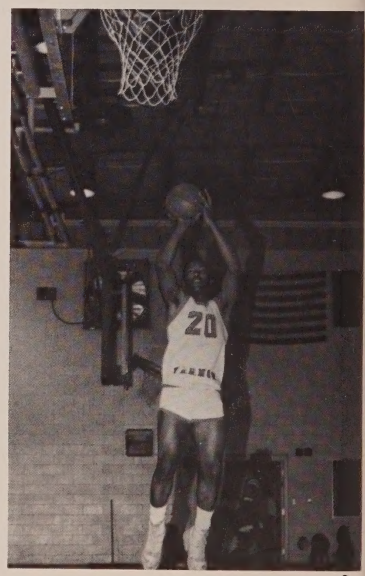
1. Just a little higher,Gary!
2. James Bell,Gary Hewett,Brad Hall, Barrett Brown,Shedrick Walker,Jason Smith,Terry Davis,Boris Peterson, Keith Wright,David Green,Shedrick Connors,Amos Troublefield
3. The Yellow Jackets show-off their talents as Terry Davis successfully shoots against the Marianna Bulldogs.
4. Barrett Brown has high hopes for Vernon hoops.



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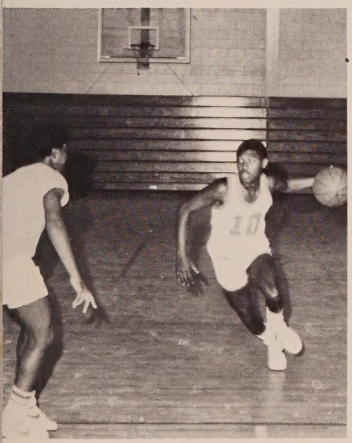
Vernon players shoot with superb precision against the Graceville Tigers. Their excellence comes from long hours of practice and never settling for less than their personal best.

All our players reach for excellence as diligently as Gary Hewett and Barrett Brown scramble for the ball.



Paul Reed and Shedrick Connors display their superior skill in handling the ball.

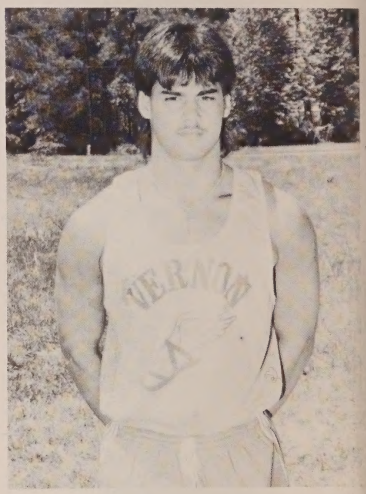
Jason Smith makes a jump shot as Barrett Brown, Terry Davis, and Shedrick Connors prepare to rebound.

RACING TO VICTORY

"To reach the port of heaven we must sail sometimes with the wind and sometimes against it. But we must sail, and not drift nor lie at anchor." Oliver Wendell Holmes

This famous quotation applies to this year's track team. These young men sailed with the wind and came out on top. Six all conference track members came from this team.

All Conference Players: J.Bell — 2nd — 440 relay; H.Taylor — 2nd — 440 relay; D.Green — 2nd — 440 relay; N.Vincelli — 2nd — 440 relay, 2nd — 100 relay, 1st — 220 relay; D.Andrews — 2nd — 880 relay; B.Cross — 2 mile run.



Senior Nick Vincelli displayed exceptional skill to become one of Vernon's all conference track team members.

Lamar Tharp, Donald Bouton, James Bell, Dennis Harris, Chris Tyre, Micheal Brown, Bert Cross, Scott Miller, John Garner, Nick Vincelli, David Green, Henry Taylor, Drexyl Andrews show their pride in this year's accomplishment.

A TASTE OF SUCCESS

Top: Tonya Peterson; 2nd row: Tiffany Smith, Angela Bland; 3rd row: Jennifer Kerr, Twan Jackson, Felicia Smith; 4th row: Stephanie Wright, Angela Bell, Tonya Davis, Janice Peterson, Donna Jackson; Bottom: Coach Piercy.

Mar. 9 — At Freeport	3:00 p.m.
Mar. 25 — At Chipley	3:00 p.m.
Mar. 27 — At Freeport	1:00 p.m.
Apr. 8 — Chipley	3:30 p.m.
Apr. 15 — Graceville High Conference Meet	
Apr. 24 — Class AA, District 1 at Pace	5:00 p.m.
May 2 — State Track and Field Meet at WinterPark	

Tiffany Smith — running long jump, 440 yd. relay
Stephanie Wright — running long jump, 440 yd. relay
Twan Jackson — discus, shotput
Angela Bland — discus, shotput
Tammy Edwards — discus, shotput
Donna Jackson — discus, shotput
Angela Bell — 100 meter dash, 220 yd. dash
Tonya Peterson — 100 meter dash, 220 yd. dash
Cyrilla Peterson — 100 meter dash, 220 yd. dash
Felicia Smith — 110 high hurdles, 330 low hurdles
Tonya Davis — 110 high hurdles, 1 mile relay
Janice Peterson — 440 yd. relay, 1 mile relay
Jennifer Peterson — 440 yd. relay, 1 mile relay
Jennifer Kerr — 1 mile run, 440 yd. dash
Jennifer Shepard — 1 mile run, 440 yd. dash, 1 mile relay

ON THE RIGHT TRACK

"Next year we expect to participate in at least 2 additional meets and we also hope to have a high jumper, 880 runner, and a two mile runner on the team." Coach Piercy

SHOOTING FOR EXCELLENCE

Coach Merle Bonner, Laura Alford, Camelia Chambers, Erika Dotson, Angie Cook, Tanya Galloway, Rhonda Riley, Patty Cushman, Teresa Hogans.

WE'RE BATTING A THOUSAND

Coach Priscilla Brown, April Brown, Melissa Hagan, Angie Cook, Beverly Conners, Melinda Hogue, Kim Ellis, Patricia Andrews, Lena Andrews, Cynthia Bland, Lee Ann McDonald, Jennifer Jackson, Michelle Smith.

A SPECIAL LEVEL OF EXCELLENCE

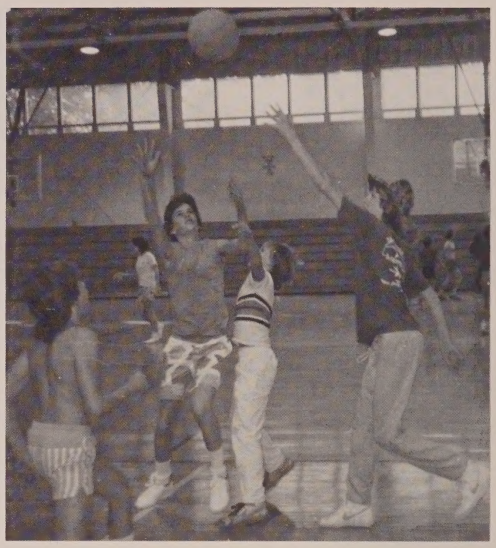
Track team: D.Works, R.Simpson, T.Troublefield, D.Bell, J.Reyes, G.Bush, C.Brown, C.Lee, J.Vickers, J.Hall.

Basketball team: D.Works, C.Brown, T.Troublefield, G.Bush, J.Vickers, J.Reyes, D.Bell, R.Simpson, J.Hall.

Special Olympians are important people. They accept defeat and victory with a grace and dignity that surpass most professional athletes and that display the love and understanding that lies within each of these students.

MAKING TRACKS IN NEW DIRECTIONS

Volunteering is an important part of excellence for C. Tyre C. Carter, K. Stufflestreet, and B. Galloway. They were willing to play against a Graceville golf team, even though they would not receive recognition for their efforts.



Above L: Zack Dixon, president of Vernon Middle School's Student Council, lent his leadership abilities to school activities as well as sports.
Above R: If "Practice makes Perfect" these VMS players are on their way to perfection.

R. 1: R. Thames, M. Paridon, S. Weeks. R. 2: P. Kates, K. Finch, S. Deans, Karry Brantley, Kenny Brantley, G. Hill, M. Duke, D. Rogers. R. 3: M. Bush, S. Ward, D. Monroe, C. Carter, Z. Dixon, R. Miles, C. Tyre, R. Marshall, G. Andrews. R. 4: S. Birge, S. Waller, J. Haddock, M. Jenkins, K. Chestnut, A. Andrews, J. Davis, J. Buckley. R. 5: manager Joanne Harris.

Junior Varsity Football team learned what "Practice, practice and more practice" means. They worked hard and showed their pride in being the very first VMS Black Panther team.

R. 1. A. Burch, D. Andrews, A. Nickerson, D. Yarbor, R. McKeithen, M. Birge, L. Tharpe, J. Toole. R. 2. A. Hogans, J. Garner

EXCELLENCE FOR THE FUTURE

B-team Football offers hope for future excellence in the sports program of VHS. Learning to work together as a team, to keep going when it all seems uphill, and to be good winners are as important as the sport itself.

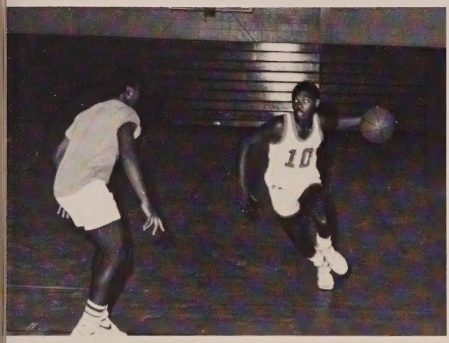
The elementary school began a pee-wee football team this year and, for the first time, Vernon boys were being prepared for football at an early age.

A DESIRE TO EXCEL

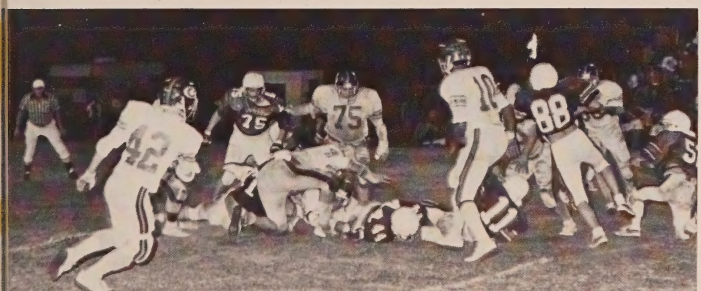
Top Row: T. Brown, D. Andrews, H. Taylor, J. Burks, 2nd row: J. Jackson, D. Davis, T. McLeod, J. Gipson, 3rd row: G. Cook, G. Andrews, A. Burch, C. Tyre, J. Haddock.

Top Row: Kenny Brantley, D.Davis, D.Brown, D.Monroe, N.Kolmetz, D.Bouton, S.Dean, 2nd row: C.Tyre, C. Huguly, S.Smith, C.Carter, J.Haddock, A.Andrews, K.Chesnut, S.Lee, Kerry Brantley, Bottom row: J.Rudd, G.Jackson, G.Andrews, G.Hill, S.Ward, D.Bouton, C.Hall, T.Conner.

AN ALL-SPORT MEDLEY



The Vernon Jackets have shown their pride all year long from football in the fall to baseball in the spring. Our teams are made up of special students who risk failure in order to succeed. We commend all their efforts to make sports a possibility at Vernon High.



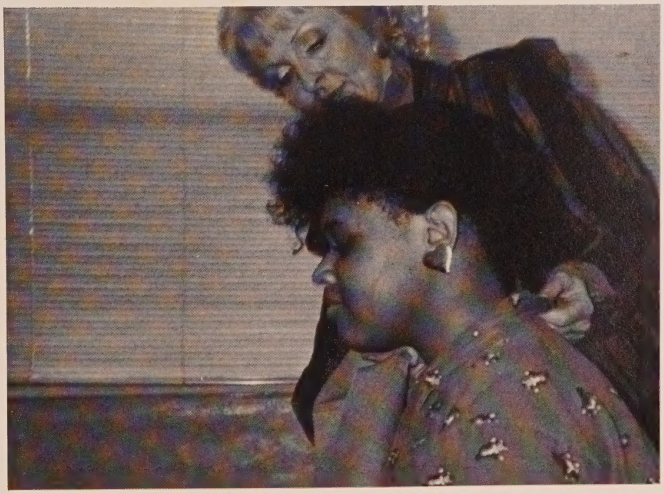
Top row: S.Pettis, K.Goodwin, M.Coatney, J.Sweigart, N.Ditterich Bottom row: J.Harris, B.Bell, R.Broxton, L.Nettles, M.Outler.

7th & 8th GRADE VOLLEYBALL

Top row: A.Morrell, K.Pettis, D.Potter, A.Alford; Bottom row: W.Jenkins, S.Siples, N.Blount, D.Peterson, and Coach P.Brown.

GIRLS' B-TEAM VOLLEYBALL

Members of the B-team volleyball team are: K.Johns — capt., M.Jackson — capt., A.Fuller, T.Jackson, A.Cook, T.Galloway, G.Peterson, T.Edwards, T.Smith, and A.Rudd. We would like to commend the team for the efforts they have put forth this year. They played a 3 match schedule against Chipley, Rutherford, and Graceville at home and away and won all but one of them.



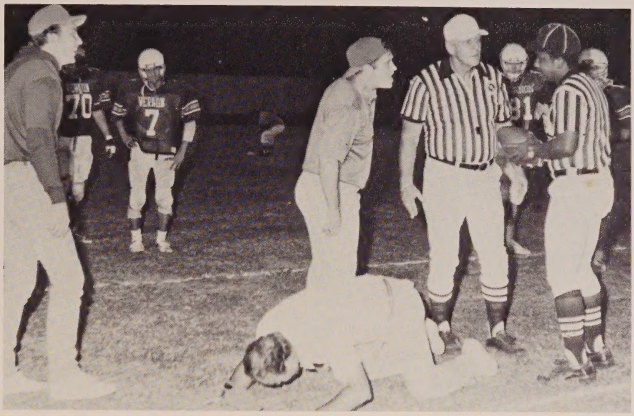
GIRLS' B-TEAM BASKETBALL

This year's girls' B-team basketball team excelled in their sport. They won five of their games and became second in conference after winning over Graceville and Chipley.

The players were: Andrea Fuller, Tamara Register, Wendi Guy, Anita Hagan, Lee Ann Mcdonald, Cheryl Fuller, Jennifer Jackson, Rashel Coatney, and Tonya Davis.

TRUE BLUE AND ORANGE

Our coaches are important to us in academics as well as in sports.



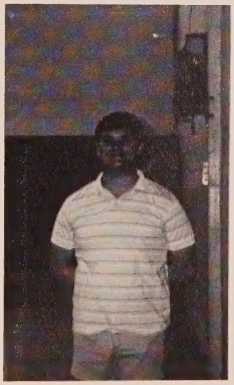
Coach Bonner argues with the referee while Coach Alford searches for his contact?!

Vernon coaches not only taught excellence this year; they also demonstrated it. A close bond was developed between the student body and the coaches this year, when in the middle of the football season the head coach resigned. Vernon students soon realized, however, that they had lost less than they had gained in memories of this football season and this year. Those memories will always convey the real spirit of Vernon High School.

The coaches' persistence in doing what they felt was right and what they believed in taught us many valuable lessons in teamwork.

Vernon gained several new coaches this year and, although all couldn't be represented on this page, we'd like to dedicate the sports section to them:

Mac Alford
Merle Bonner
Priscilla Brown
Ivonne Piercy
Randy Pridgeon
Charles Sexton
Jack Taylor
Aaron Todd



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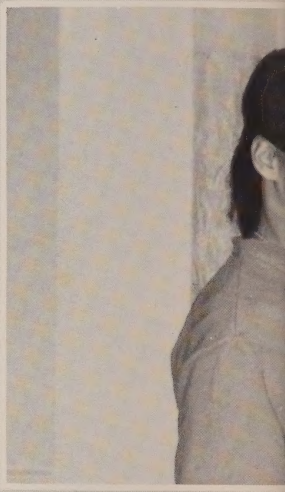
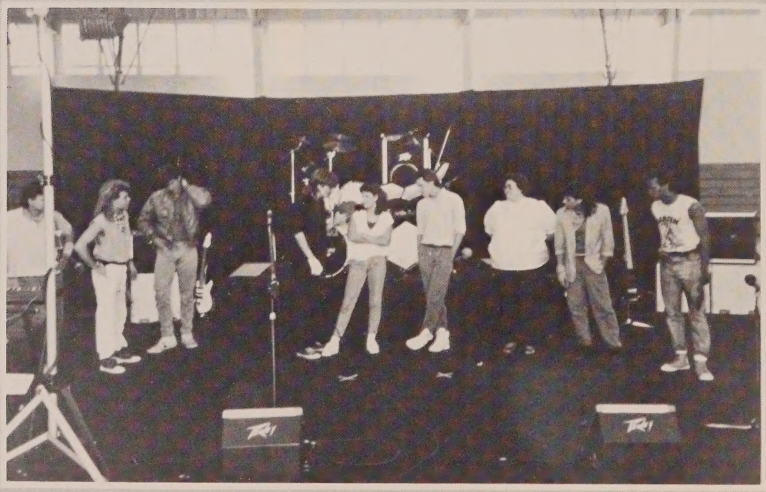
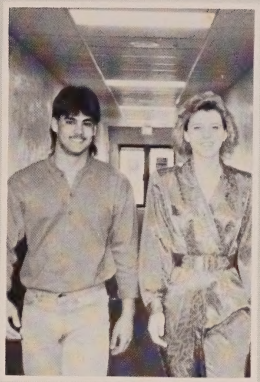
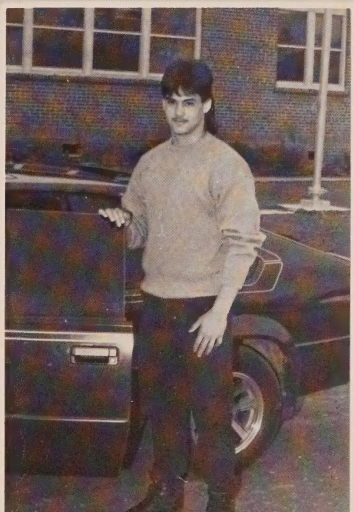




MISS _ MR. VHS





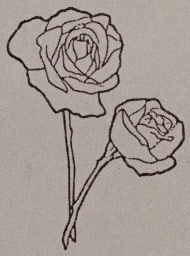
MISS and MR. VHS is an honor bestowed upon a boy and a girl from the senior class. Winners are selected by popular vote by the student body. Nominees are selected by the faculty according to the following criteria: leadership ability, dependability, enthusiasm, concern for fellow students and involvement in school activities.

Tracie Brock and Nick Vincelli were chosen as the 1986-87 Miss and Mr. VHS. Throughout her years at VHS, Tracie maintained an outstanding academic record and social position. Although a member of NHS, FHA, FBLA, FEA — Treasurer, and Yearbook Co-Editor, she still had time for extracurricular activities. Tracie played basketball for 3 years, volleyball for 2 years, and ran track for 5 years. Because of her studious nature and positive attitude she was elected a member of the Senior Hall of Fame. In spite of all the demand on her time,she maintained a 3.5+ G.P.A. Tracie served as junior class secretary-treasurer and attended various math olympiads. Tracie Brock has been an asset to VHS and an outstanding example of excellence.

Excellence is synonymous with Nick Vincelli. Nick has been extremely active in sports, as well as diligent in studies. Nick played football for 4 years and was named all-conference player his senior year. He also played basketball for 2 years and ran track for 4 years. Nick portrayed an important role in involvement in school activities; he was a member of FEA, vice-president of FBLA,president of NHS, vice-president of MU Alpha Theta; he also attended various math olympiads and FBLA district competitions. Although Nick was extremely active during and after school, he still maintained a 3.9 GPA. Respected by everyone, he displayed the true meaning of excellence.

Striving to do their best at all times, Tracie and Nick continually REACH FOR EXCELLENCE!!!

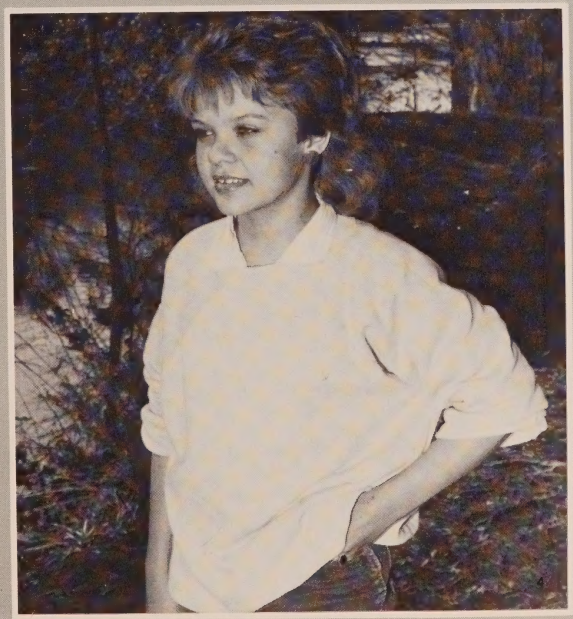
BEAUTY . . .



Class beauties were nominated by class members, then a panel of judges selected one from each grade 7-11 and two from the senior class. This year the honor was bestowed upon the following seven lovely young ladies.

1. Senior beauty — Clarassa Potter
2. Senior beauty — Teresa Zurica
3. Junior beauty — Robin Brown
4. Sophomore beauty — Rashel Coatney

DAILY IN OUR LIVES



Freshman beauty:
Angela Bell
Eighth grade beauty:
Joy Dennis
Seventh grade beauty:
Karen Pettis

THE FEW . . . THE PROUD . . . THE SENIOR HALL OF FAME!!!

1. Nick Vincelli is a member of FEA, Mu Alpha Theta — Vice-President, FBLA — Vice-President, and National Honor Society — President. His hobbies are football and water sports. Nick's future plans are to attend FSU and earn a degree in business. Nick hopes to stay close to his family and eventually own his own company.

2. Lorie Walters enjoys jogging, horse back riding, swimming and going to the movies. During her years at VHS she has been an active member of FEA, Mu Alpha Theta, NHS — Secretary, Junior Class President, and Business Manager of the Jacket Buzz. Lorie plans to attend college and work toward a BA in Business Finances. One day she hopes to be president of a bank.

3. Rhonda L. Potter plans to attend U of F and become a successful businesswoman. Rhonda enjoys reading, writing and meeting people. She has been active in NHS, YEA, FBLA, Student Council, and the Jacket Sting.

1. Erika Madalyn Dotson plans to attend FAMU and someday hopes to operate a sporting goods store. She enjoys sports, traveling and meeting new friends. Erika has been Student Council President and Vice-President, FEA Vice-President, FBLA Treasurer and Parlimentarian, and an active member of the volleyball, basketball, softball, and track teams.

2. Tracie Denise Brock is a member of NHS, FEA — Treasurer, FBLA, Yearbook Co-Editor, and was Junior Class Secretary-Treasurer. She is also a member of the basketball, volleyball, and track teams. Tracie plans to join the Air Force and one day become a Computer Systems Analyst. Through the years Tracie has enjoyed sports, swimming, running, and reading.

3. Donna Jackson has been very busy during her high school years. She has been a four year cheerleader, FBLA — Chaplain, Student Council Parliamentarian, and voted Most School Spirit. Her hobbies are cooking, reading, and watching sports. Donna plans to enlist in the United States Marine Corps and, hopefully, become a Computer Technologist.

4. Clarassa R. Potter plans to be a Pediatrician and she enjoys writing poetry, reading, and listening to Jazz and Soul music. Clarassa held the offices of Junior Class Vice-President, YEA — Vice President, FEA President for two years, FBLA Historian, Student Council Senator and Representative, and B-team and Varsity Cheerleader.

OUR NIGHT TO SHINE

Being nominated homecoming queen is a truly flattering honor. It means being the "apple of everyone's eye" and being admired by one's peers. This year there were five nominees for homecoming queen: Sheila Anderson, Patty Cushman, Kim Ellis, Sherri Owens, and Teresa Zurica. Of the five, Patty, Kim, and Teresa were chosen as finalists by popular vote of the student body. The week dragged on, but the moment finally came. Homecoming night would answer everyone's question, "Who won?" The lovely Kim Ellis was chosen as the 1986-87 Homecoming Queen and was crowned by Lalaine Bill, 1985-86 Queen.

Patty and Eddie

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Stacey Holli & Dana

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Queen Kim

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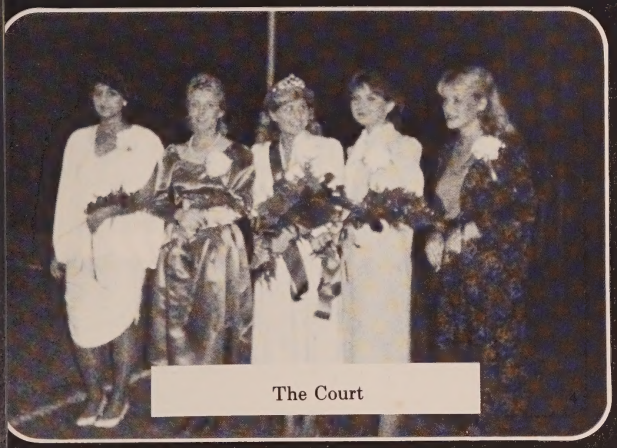

The Court

1. Patty Cushman nominated by Eddie Eaton.
2. Homecoming attendants: Stacey Wasson, Holli Mitchell, and Dana Callais.
3. Kim Ellis nominated by Nick Vincelli.
4. The court.
5. Teresa Zurica nominated by Jeff Morrell.
6. Sheila Anderson nominated by Brian Pettis.
7. Sherri Owens nominated by Ted Simmons.

Teresa and Jeff

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Sheila and Bryan

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Sherri and Ted

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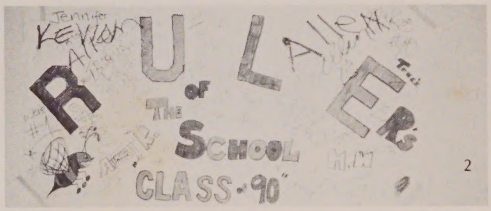
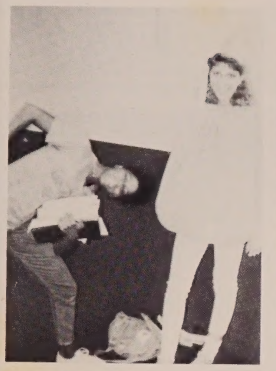
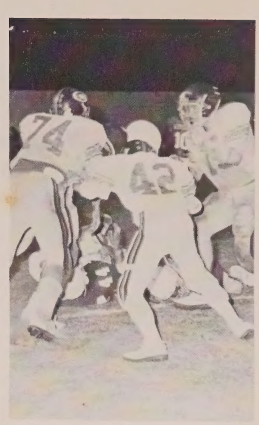
OUR WEEK OF EXCELLENCE

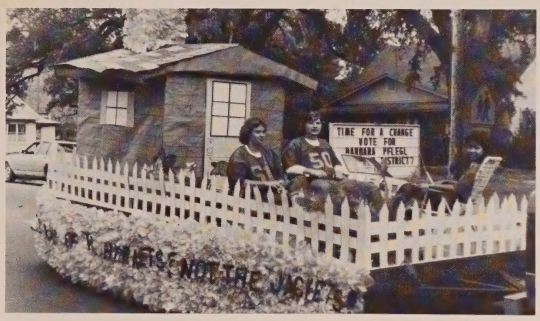
1. The first place junior class float as it rolls down Main Street.
2. The freshmen spirit sign displays the arduous competition between classes.
3. Sophomores give a yell at the traditional pep rally.



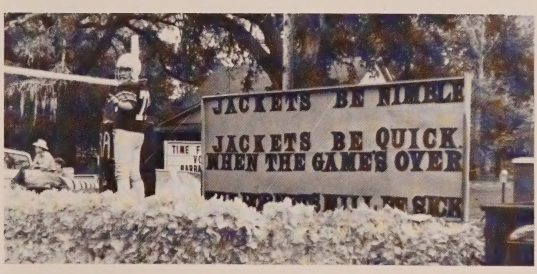
4. Dana Callais — 10th grade attendant — smiles and waves enthusiastically at the crowd.
5. Donna Jackson leads the crowd in their favorite "Class Cheer."
6. The five nominees — L to R: Kim Ellis, Sherri Owens, Sheila Anderson, Patty Cushman, and Teresa Zurica — smile prettily for the camera!

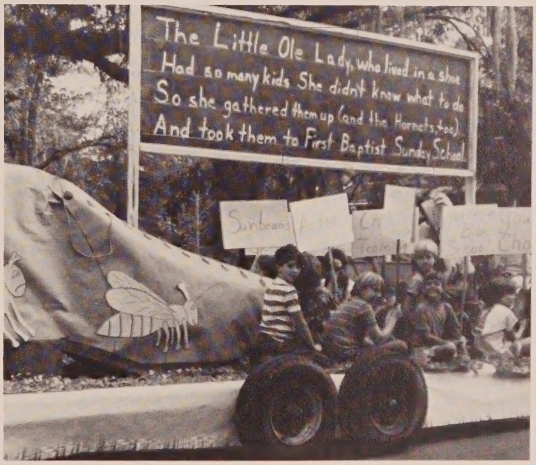






Homecoming showed the true meaning of excellence for Vernon High School. Classes and clubs worked together on floats; parents, churches, and civic groups also participated in the parade. Although, due to unfortunate circumstances, the dance was cancelled, the day still proved to be spirited and competitive. The Jackets were defeated by the Cottondale Hornets, but never had there been a better display of pride by the Vernon Yellow Jackets. The 1986-87 Homecoming Spirit Week was an event Vernon High School will forever remember. Through it all we were continually REACHING FOR EXCELLENCE . . .





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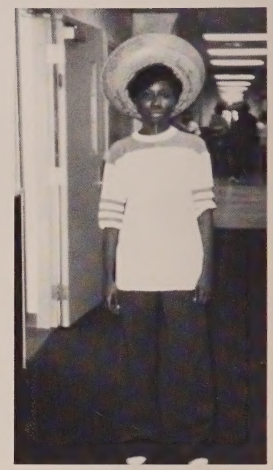
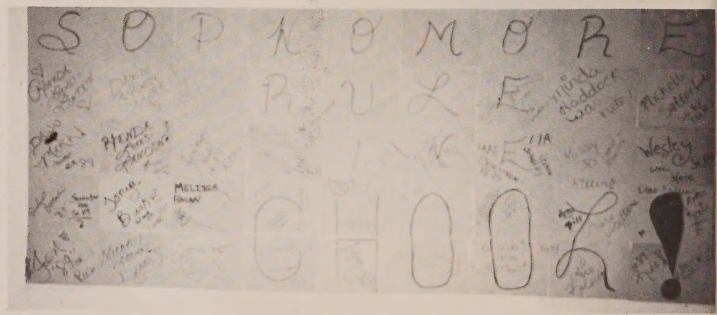


This year homecoming proved to be a very positive experience for Vernon High School. The traditional "Spirit Week" began with "Backwards and Inside Out Day." This began the class competition for the spirit stick. Throughout the week the school was bursting with spirit. Competition was tough and the classes fought hard to win. Class signs decorated the school, each claiming their's was "#1"! By the time Friday came, students and teachers were extremely anxious to know who had won various contests. Seniors and juniors tied to win the spirit stick in the high school division. Due to the fact that Mr. Patterson and Miss Brown were so popular with the VHS students, these individuals won the pie-in-the-face contest. Mrs. Thompson assisted by awarding these teachers with a delicious pie. Miss Brown and Mr. Patterson both admitted that a pie had never tasted so good as it did then!!!!



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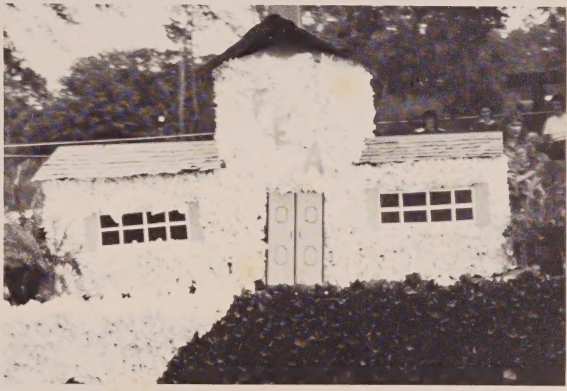

The juniors won first place for the class float competition with the seniors second and the sophomores coming in third place. FBLA won first place for the club division, FFA won second place and FEA came in third place. The juniors won first place in the pickle barrel contest, with the seniors coming in second and the sophomores placing third.

THE CHOSEN ONES

Everyone has a favorite person with whom they like to share things and laugh. This year a boy and a girl were chosen from each grade. Class favorites are:

Senior Class Favorites: Terry Davis and Teresa Zurica

Junior Class Favorites: Amos Troublefield and Robin Brown

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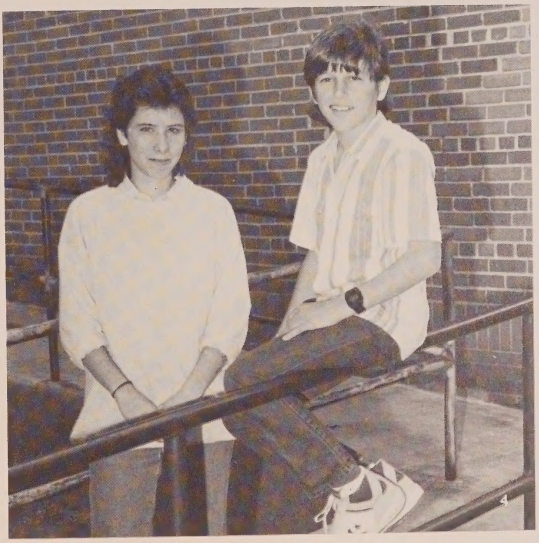
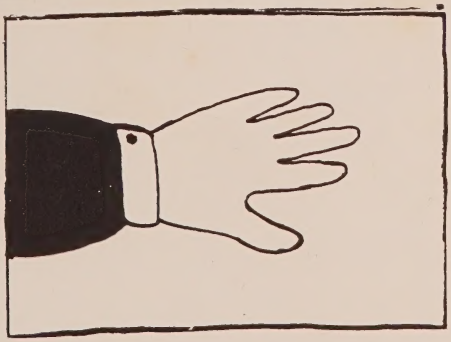




1.Sophomore Class Favorites: John Jackson and Melanie Jackson
2.Freshman Class Favorites: Kevin Stufflestreet and Tonya Harrison
3. Eighth Grade Favorites: Kevin Land and Lynn Easterling
4. Seventh Grade Favorites: Jason Rudd and Tiffany Minchew

SENIOR

The 1986-87 senior class chose 22 of their favorite seniors as Superlatives. There were eleven different categories for which one boy and one girl who best fit the title were chosen.

1.BEST ALL AROUND — April Brown
Terry Davis

2.MOST TALENTED — Tonya Peterson
Rodney Ball

3.MOST SCHOOL SPIRIT — Donna Jackson
Ted Simmons

Next Page: 1.BEST DRESSED — Merry Cone
Jason Brown

2.MOST ATTRACTIVE — Teresa Zurica
Nick Vincelli

3.MOST ATHLETIC — Patty Cushman
Jeff Morrell

4.BEST SENSE OF HUMOR — Janice Peterson
Barrett Brown

EXCELLENCE

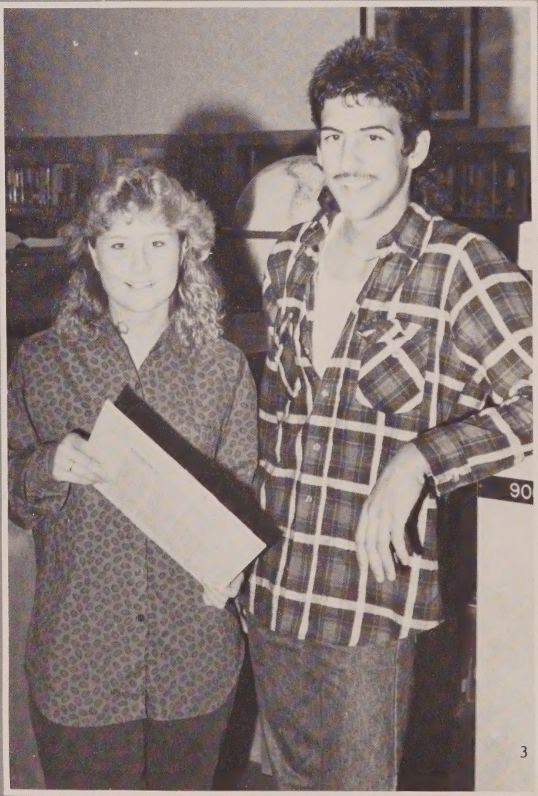
1. MOST LIKELY TO SUCCEED — Lorie Walters
Brian Pettis

2. MOST DEPENDABLE — Rhonda Potter
Wayne Kelley

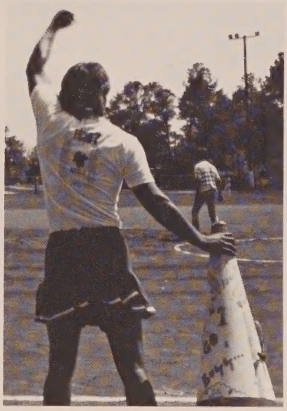
3. BEST PERSONALITY — Kim Ellis
Mike French

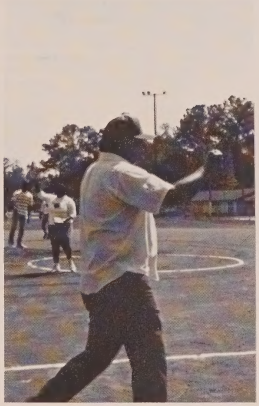
4. MOST COURTEOUS — Lisa Jenkins
Jonathan Harris

SUPER SENIORS



STRIKE ONE UP FOR EXCELLENCE

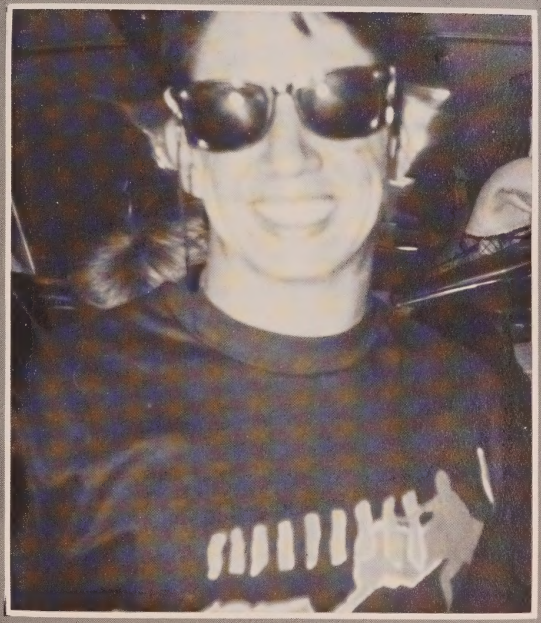




This year the senior class took on the "Faultless Faculty" in a baseball game. The funds went towards an area scholarship offered to a VHS graduating senior. Although the seniors still believe the faculty paid someone off, they were superior. It was a huge success and despite the terrible upset the seniors suffered, everyone had fun.

SENIORS TRIP INTO EXCELLENCE

On April 24th at 12:00 pm. 68 seniors gathered in the VHS parking lot enroute to Tampa. Our long-awaited senior trip had finally come. We stopped at Busch Gardens where we spent all our money trying to win teddy bears. Jason Brown hit the jack-pot winning two of the largest teddy-bears. Teresa Zurica cuddled up to her pink doggie that Jeff won for her. Leaving Busch Gardens we headed for Kissimmee where we had a unique dining experience at the Medieval Times. After crossing the moat and being greeted by a knight, we donned our "crowns" and cheered "our" knights in jousting and dueling matches. Even though we had been raised well, it was nice to eat with our hands again. "Sorry, Mom, but there wasn't any silverware!" Tired, but happy, we arrived back in Vernon in time to see the sunrise on April 26. Jill Dybdal's face expressed what we all felt. We had finally made that once-in-a-lifetime senior trip, and now we had to acknowledge that our school days were numbered: graduation was next.



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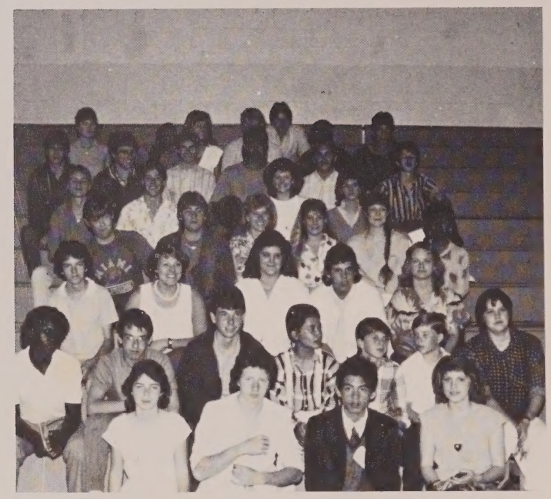


George C. Wallace Competitors

George C. Wallace Winners

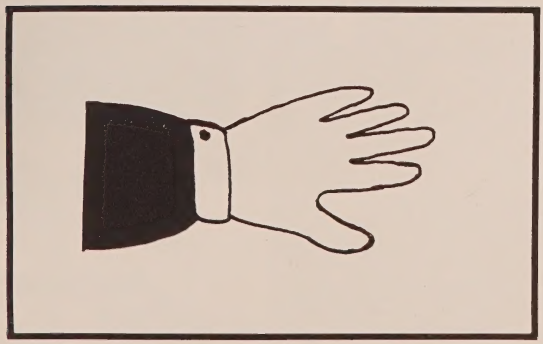
At George C. Wallace, Amos Troublefield placed 5th and Randy Carter placed 7th. At Chipola Jr. College, in the Calculus division, Jonathan Harris placed 4th, Brian Pettis placed 6th, and Jason Brown placed 10th. In Algebra II, Kathleen Mclean placed 3rd and Amos Troublefield placed 6th. In Algebra I, kyle Chestnut placed 7th and Reid Marshall placed 10th.

Anticipating Awards at Chipola

Chipola Jr. College medal winners

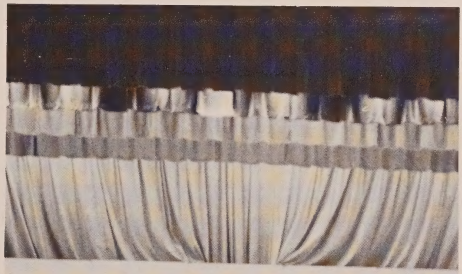
REACHING FOR THE HIGH NOTES

1986-87 members of the VHS chorus were: (Back Row) Doris Sconiers, Debbie Fry, Steven Hodges, Micheal Cook, Betsy Bush, Ella Mae Andrews, Amy Enfinger, Melinda Hogue, Jeri Stone, Melissa Hagan, and Minda Haddock. Mr. James Seaboch led these fine students in reaching the high notes of excellence.



FESTIVAL OF

THE ARTS

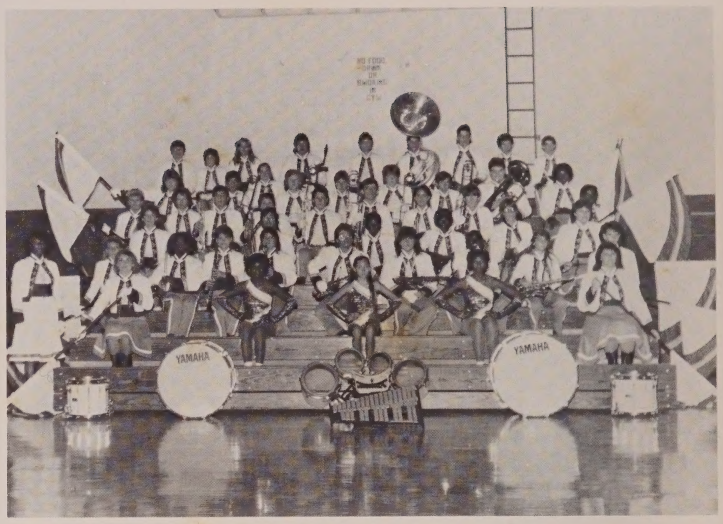


The members of the chorus, band, drama, and art classes all gathered to "show-off" their considerable talents during the Festival of the Arts held in the cafetorium, May 14.

p.60: (1) The chorus sang "Twist and Shout" under the direction of Mr. Seaboch.
(2) Patrons admired the art exhibit by Mr. Adams' students.
(3) The "Little Nuisance" received a very favorable response from the audience.
(4) Supt. Brock congratulated drama director, Mr. Pennington.

p.61: (1) The band played a rousing "March of the Irish Guard."
(2) Jason Haddock had an eye on the action while Nina read the directions.

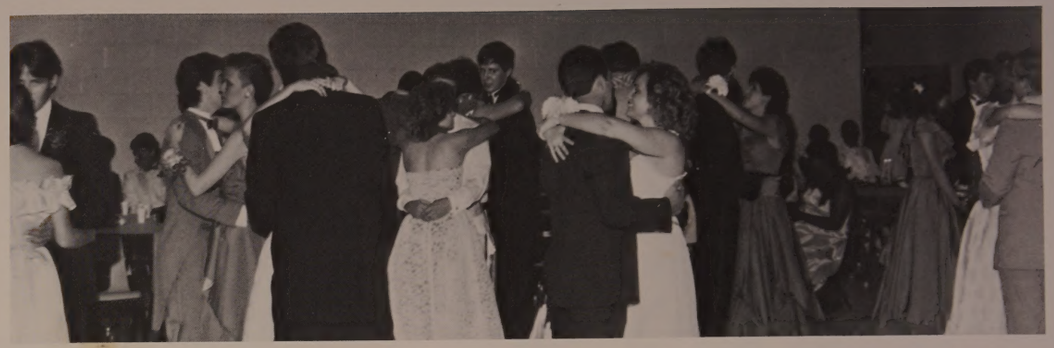
Bottom L to R: E. Andrews, A. Tracy, P. Andrews, T. Tarter, K. Broxton, L. Jenkins, 2nd Row L to R: S. Weeks, C. Peterson, J. Shepard, T. Ferguson, P. Roche, M. Perez, M. Davis, T. Dorsey, T. Lewis, 3rd Row L to R: W. Barfield, A. Cheverie, H. Green, P. Reed, J. Daniels, J. Dybdal, 4th Row L to R: J. Pate, S. Turner, J. Gunn, J. Biggs, M. Armstrong, M. Cook, J. Dennis, D. Simmons, T. McDonald, 5th Row L to R: J. Morris, D. Bouton, V. Steverson, R. Burch, R. Stone, E. Walsingham, B. Tillis, R. Shaffer, J. Jackson, Top Row L to R: J. Hogue, M. Haines, A. Hagan, R. Ball, D. Shipes, C. Burns, S. Armstrong, B. Yarbor, A. Morris. Not Pictured: M. Cone, J. Aldridge, G. Hutchins, W. Jackson.

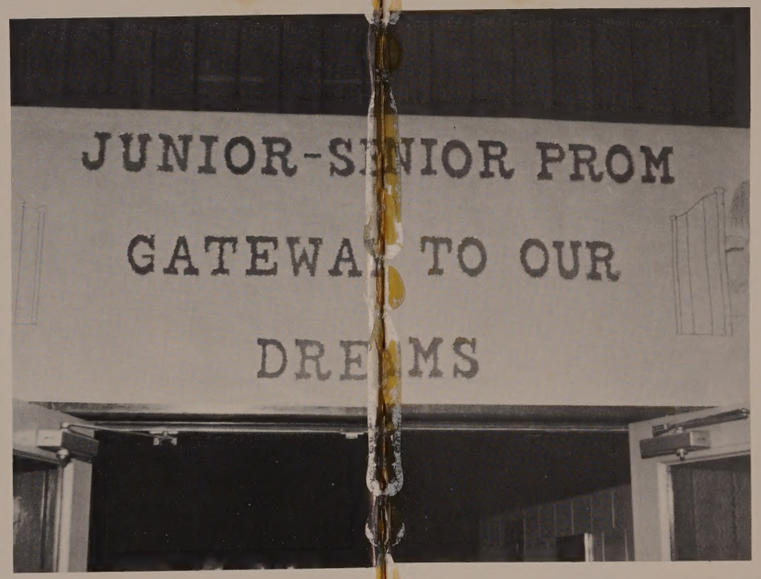


This year's band students have worked very hard. Their year began this summer in band camp. Mr. Seaboch, the band director, has made sure that the band is well prepared with one-hundred sixty hours of after-school practice. The band has performed eight half-time shows and marched in many parades. During the Christmas season, they marched in two Christmas parades and also performed a concert. The hard work by the band, director, and parents made this past year a successful one! Mr. Seabock stresses, "Do your best and nothing less! Positive thinking is our approach to everything we do."

VERNON HIGH BAND

GATEWAY TO OUR DREAMS





This was the first prom in fifteen years at VHS. The junior class worked hard to sponsor the '87 prom for the graduating senior class. It was a great success, and the students were hopeful that this would become an annual event. Even though it was student-oriented the teachers joined in to share that special night.

EXCELLENCE IN Seniors

What does it take to be an outstanding senior? It takes someone from the class of "87"! This year's senior class was small, but, like dynamite, the size of the package can be deceiving! They proved just how outstanding they were with their fund-raising accomplishments, their involvement in school activities and, most of all, their tremendous school spirit.

PRESIDENT

Teresa Zurica

V-PRESIDENT

Kim Ellis

SECRETARY

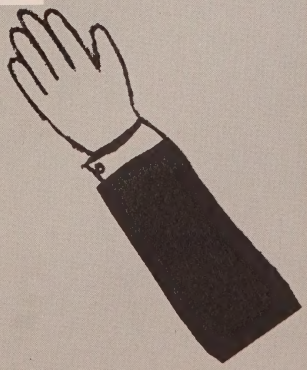
Merry Cone

Sponsors l. to r. S. Cook, L. Faisón, M. Brock, D. Lloyd

COLORS ..... WHITE & BLUE
FLOWER ..... RED ROSE
SONG ..... "UP WHERE WE BELONG"
MOTTO ..... Look not sorrowfully into the past; it comes not back again. Wisely improve the present; it is thine. Go forth to meet the shadowy future without fear, and with a manly heart.

Why are you so embarrassed, Janice?

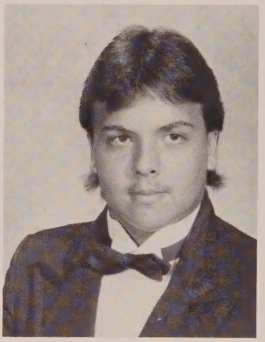
Stevie, Randy, and Mike tease Blake about something he doesn't think they know about. What is it, boys?



UP WHERE WE BELONG

Sheila Anderson

Karen Bain



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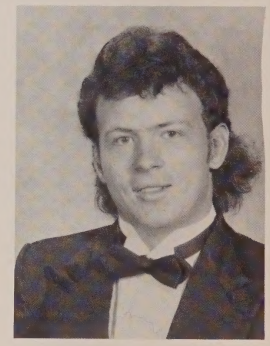

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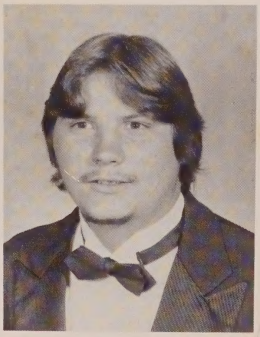
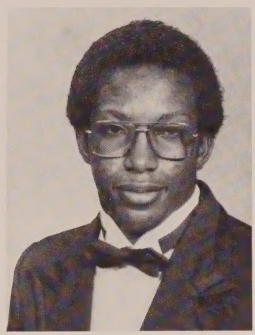


Jessie Batson

Angela Bland

Tracie Brock

April Brown



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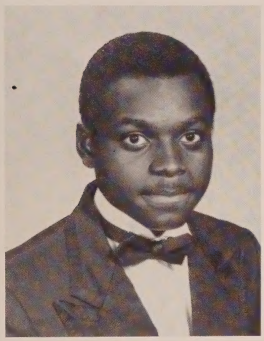
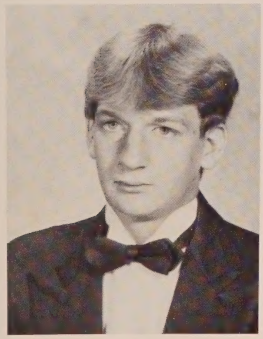


Jason Brown

Betsy Bush



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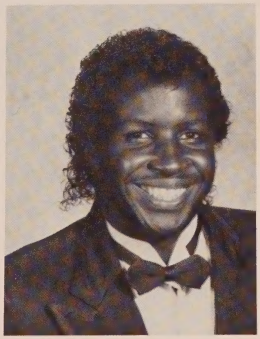
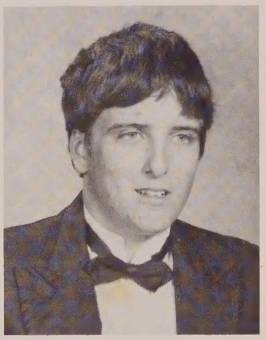


John Campbell

REACH FOR

Seniors



Randy Carter

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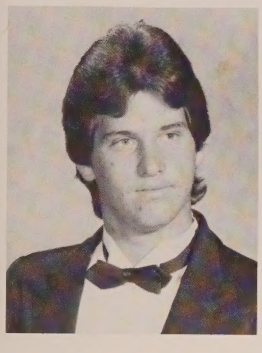
Beverly Connor

Patty Cushman

Erika Dotson

Jill Dybdal

THE BEST & NOTHING LESS!



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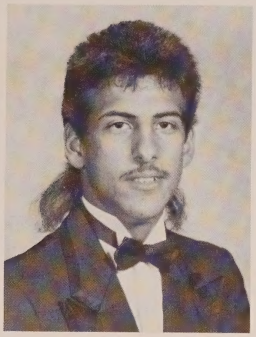

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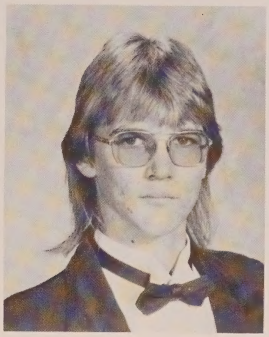

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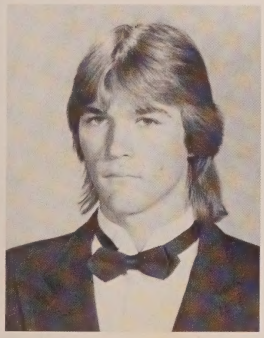

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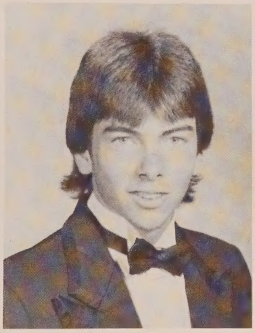

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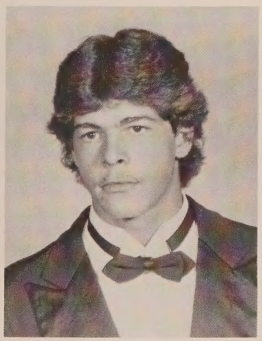

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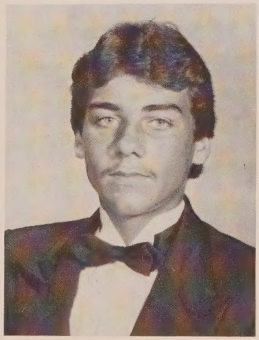
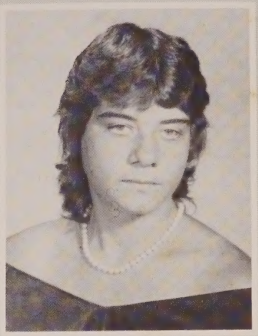


Raymond Gunn

Seniors . . . COMMITTED

In order to succeed in anything, there must be commitment. The Seniors of "87" were no exception. They not only dedicated themselves to schoolwork (as Tammy Lewis shows on p.73), but they committed themselves to friends, students, and family.



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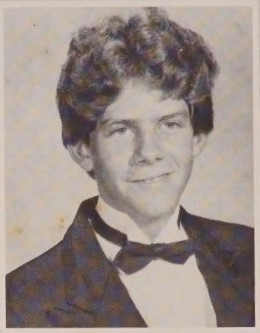

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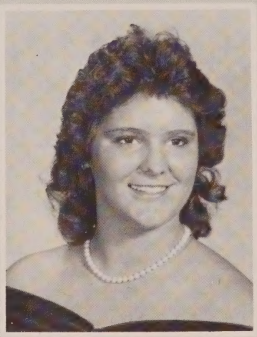

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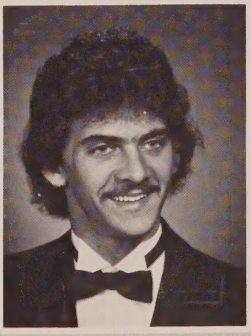
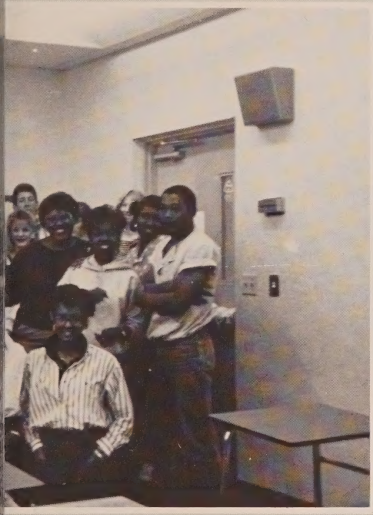


Wayne Kelley

TO EXCELLENCE

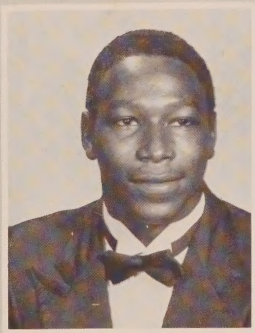
Cathy Lee

Tammy Lewis



Zerlina Marlow

Barbara McCaskell



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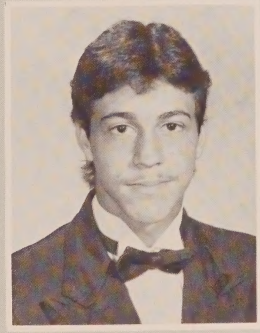

Jeff Morrell

Seniors

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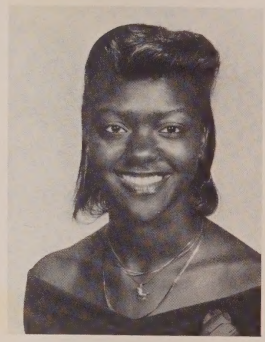

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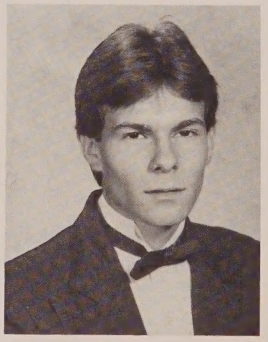

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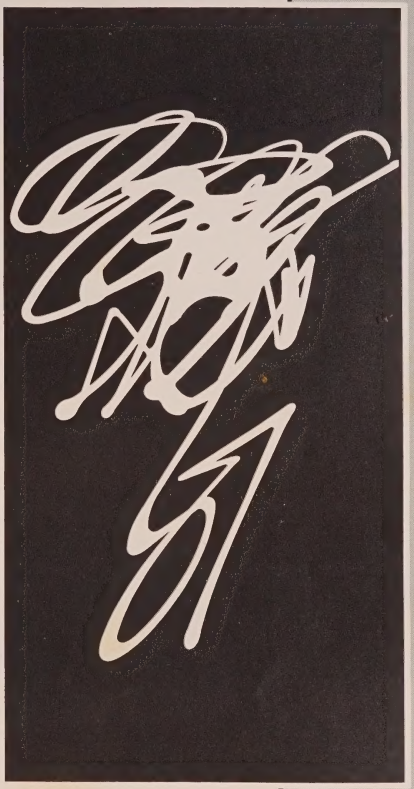
Lisa Pettis

Clarassa Potter

Rhonda Potter



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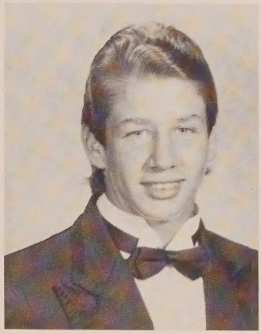

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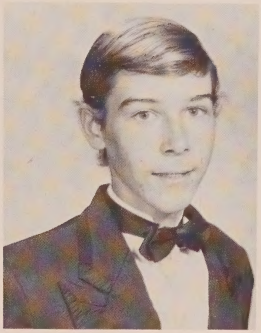
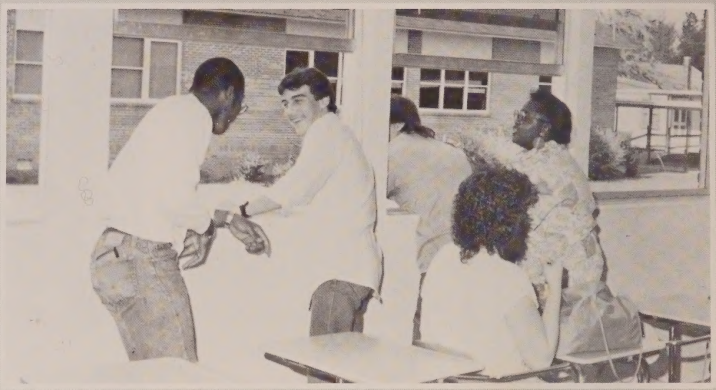


David Smith

CONTINUING TO

For the Senior Class of 1987, excellence will not end with graduation. These students will continue to reach for excellence throughout the remaining years of their lives. Through college, the military, or careers, these students will continue to reach for excellence.



Felicia Smith

Valerie Steverson

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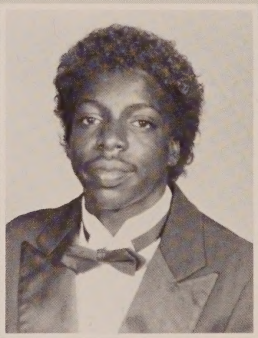
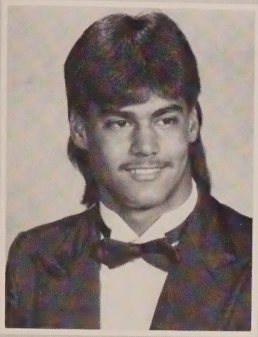


Tyrone Troublefield

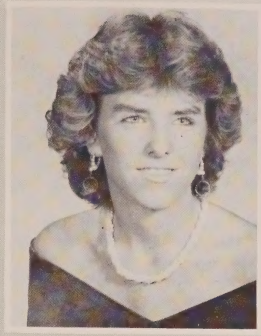
Pamela Turner

REACH EXCELLENCE



Nicholas Vincelli

Lorie Walters



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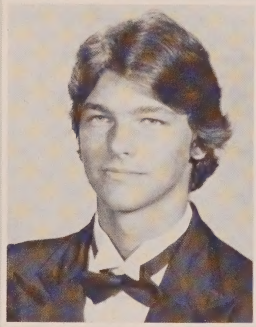


Coleman Yates

AWARDED FOR

The senior awards assembly was held on May 18, 1987. Outstanding seniors were recognized for their excellence in various subject areas.

Yearbook staff members were recognized for their hard work.

Valerie Steverson was presented the band award.

Clarassa received the humanities award.

Nick Vincelli accepted the Scholar Athletic Award.

Mrs. Forehand's AP English class presented her with a beautiful bouquet of flowers.

Lorie and Nick receive the Phi Delta Kappa Award.

EXCELLENCE

Erika Dotson was recognized as President of Student Council.

The AP English class was given some greatly deserved honor.

Barbara was recognized by Mr. Patterson.

To the left: Barrett Brown was the recipient of the Outstanding Athlete Award. Below: Patty Cushman and Nick Vincelli were awarded the Scholar Athlete Medallions.

The Calculus class expressed their appreciation for Mrs. Howell.

HONORING SENIORS

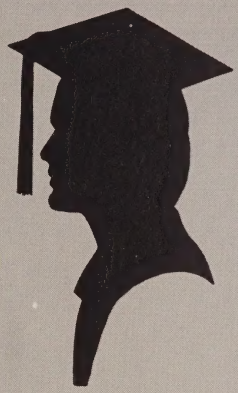
There has never been a time when these seniors were not working hard to better themselves. Even in their years at Vernon Elementary they excelled and continued to set the pace during their junior and senior years.

The seniors being honored have not only achieved excellence through involvement in various competitions, school activities, clubs, and by being an example for other students to follow. We hope that they will continue to reach excellence in years to follow.

Seniors with High Honors were as follows: L.Walters, N.Vincelli, T.Works, B.Pettis, S.Owens, T.Brock, R.Potter.

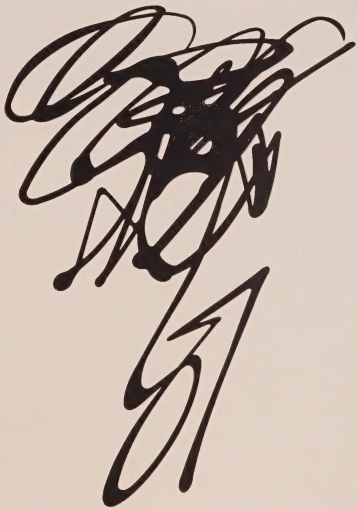
Seniors with Honors were as follows: A.Bland, C.Potter, J.Dybdal, J.Harris, T.Zurica, L.Jenkins.

FOR EXCELLENCE



Seniors receiving the Presidential Academic Award were as follows: R to L. T.Brock, J.Harris, S.Owens, B.Pettis, R.Potter, N.Vincelli, L.Walters, T.Works.

Seniors receiving scholarships were as follows: R to L. V.Steverson, N.Vincelli, S.Owens, B.Pettis, R.Potter, C.Potter, L.Walters, T.Zurica, T.Works.



Pride Award winners were as follows: B.Pettis, T.Brock, S.Owens, R.Potter, L.Walters, T.Works.

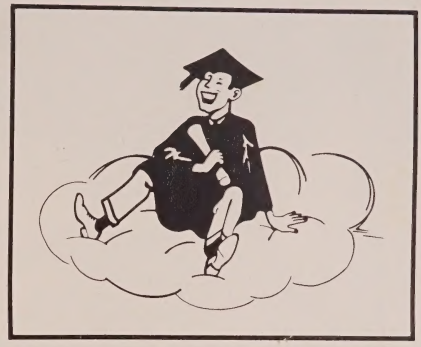
THE REWARD OF EXCELLENCE

Teresa Zurica gives the welcome address.

Mr. Tyre steps in to give one last word of advice to Rodney Ball.

Lorie Walters maintained a 4.0 gpa. throughout all her years at VHS.

GRAD NIGHT

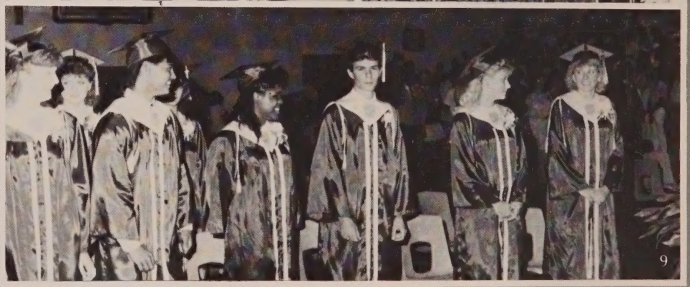


Let's try to make it through the " Alma Mater" in the right key!

Keith Goodwin talks with fellow seniors about after-graduation plans. Could there be a party in the making?

MAKING AN EXCELLENT YEAR

1. K. Bain showing off her new sweatshirt.
2. We're proud of our cheerleaders.
3. It's a tough job, but someone has to do it!
4. I don't feel a thing!
5. "What's the matter, sweetheart?"
6. Which is more cute and cuddly?
7. Stevie joins FREE FARE member, Daryl, in a guitar duo.
8. Standing Proud!
9. The moment we've been waiting for!



Donna,
You have achieved a very important goal in your life. Keep aiming high; keep God in your life. We're proud of you. We love you.

Maggie (mom)
Maurice
Melanie

Karen,
We are very proud of all your accomplishments. Be true to yourself. Congratulations!

Love,
Mom, Dad, Brothers,
and Sisters

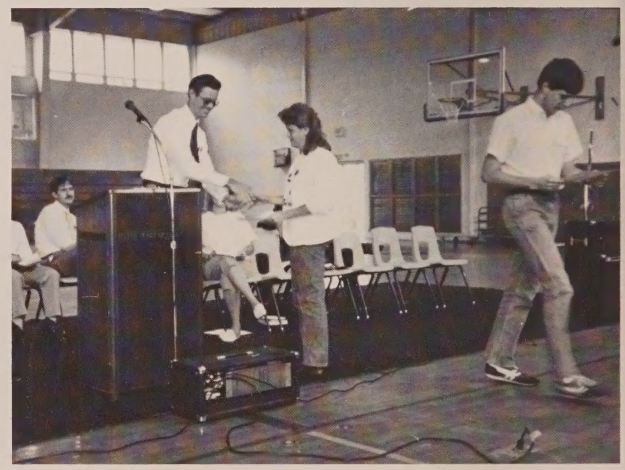
REACHING OUT FOR AWARDS

Twan Jackson accepts math award.

Amy Tracy and Amos Troublefield share the "I Dare You" Award.

Steven Carter receives the Typing II Award.

PROFESSIONAL STUDENT



Gennifer Wood and Steven Carter tie for the Spanish I Award.

FHA President Alice Walters accepts FHA Award.

Wendy Boggs displays her Woodmen of the World Award.

After "the opening" Mr.Tyre receives a certificate of appreciation.

Amy Tracy receives the Voice of Democracy Award.

Sonia Sadauskas and Gary Hewett accept English III Awards.

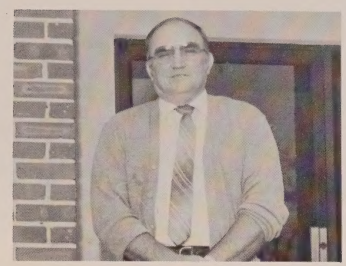
HELPERS TOWARD EXCELLENCE

Faculty

Essays, compositions, tests and chapters to read contributed to a full load. Once the assignments were handed out, the work had just begun — not just for the student, but for the teacher.

Teachers transformed themselves into other roles as they became more involved with students by sponsoring a club or being involved in activities.

Whether grading papers or sponsoring a club our teachers reached for EXCELLENCE!!



In his 10th year as principal, Jerry E. Tyre, continued to take pride in, and show concern for the well-being of his school. If he were not at his office desk, he could be found teaching World History third period, room four.

He showed his interest and support with the giving of his time. He has truly been behind VHS in our quest for EXCELLENCE.

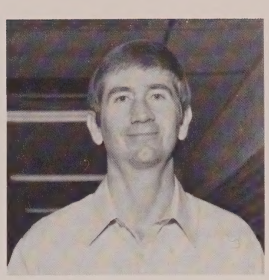
We all knew Mr. Riley, not only as the Vice-Principal, but as the man who devoted his mornings to signing absentees, and deciding what was excusable and what was not!

He was always there to listen and to understand the students' point-of-view, as a friend and advisor.

EDDIE ADAMS: ART/ WORLD HISTORY

M.E. ADKINSON: SECRETARY

CAROL ARD: GUIDANCE



JOAN AUSLEY: MEDIA SPECIALIST

MERLE BONNER: AMERICAN HISTORY

MICHEAL BROCK: GENERAL SCIENCE/CHEMISTRY/BIOLOGY/PHYSICS/
DEPT. CHM.

BOBBIE BROWN: BUS. COMPUTER/JOURNALISM/PRE.VO — EXPL. MARKETING

SANDRA COOK: MATH I, II, III/CON. MATH/ENG. III/COMP.ED. PROGRAM

JOYCE DORCH: BOOKKEEPER

LINDA FAISON: SLD — ENGLISH (7-12)/ENGLISH I

RUBYE FOREHAND: AP ENGLISH/ENGLISH II-(H)/YEARBOOK/TEACHERS AS ADVISORS COORD./DEPT.CHM.

NORMA FROST: AIDE

SHIRLEY HAVILAND: LIBRARIAN AIDE

MARGERY HELMS: SECRETARY

BARBARA HOWELL: MATH II/ALGEBRA II/ADV. MATH/CALCULUS — AP.

EXCELLENCE BEGINS WITH

DEBBIE LLOYD: MATH I, II/GEOMETRY/COM.PROGRAMMING/DEPT. CHM

GREG PATTERSON: ENGLISH II/ ENGLISH IV

B. PENNINGTON: CP ENGLISH IV/SPAN. I, II/HUMANITIES/SPEECH — DRAMA

IVONNE PIERCY: PHYSICAL EDUCATION

LARRY PIPPEN: SLD

HAZEL PITTMAN: TYPING I/ OFFICE PRO./ BUSINESS SKILLS

RANDY PRIDGEON: PHYSICAL SCIENCE

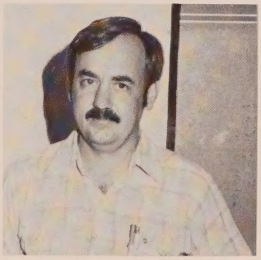
WANDA SAPP: LMS/ HE.I/PRE. VO/FHA

GAIL SEABOCH: AIDE/IN-SCHOOL SUSPENSION

JAMES SEABOCH: CHORUS/BEG., INTER., HIGH BAND

CHARLES SEXTON: PHYSICAL EDUCATION-/FOOTBALL COACH-/BOYS TRACK

JACK TAYLOR: ENG. I, III (H)/PHYSICAL EDUCATION



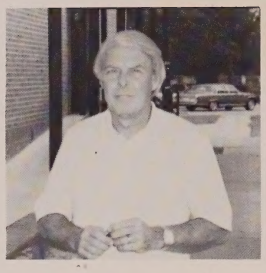
PAT THARPE: SLD

SHIRLEY THOMPSON: ACC. I, II/CONSUMER MATH

HIRAM TISON: AG I, II, III

EXCELLENT TEACHERS

AARON TODD: DRIVERS ED./DEPT.CHM./BASKETBALL COACH



GEORGE VANN: ENGLISH I, III, IV

MARY WHITEHURST: LAW STUDIES/AMERICAN HISTORY/ECONOMICS — AMERICAN GOV./PSYCHOLOGY/DEPT. CHM.

RICKY COATNEY: CUSTODIAN

BUS DRIVERS: STANDING: S. COOK, M. REGISTER, E. ROGERS, M. BURKS, S. HADDOCK, E. PETTIS, R. PETERSON, M. HALL, J. WILLIAMSON, V. MILES, N. SUGGS, M. ROCHE. KNEELING: S. HOGAN, J. DYBDAL, N. CUSHMAN, E. BROXTON

FOOD SERVICE: STANDING (L-R) E. POTTER, I. TAYLOR, E. REGISTER, SITTING (L-R) E. HOWELL, B. NICHOLS, M. REGISTER

EXCELLENCE EXCELLENT

BELOW: Mrs. Wiggins, our Science intern, helps Michael Watkins. R: Coach Piercy shows how.

ABOVE: Mrs. Ausley shows Amy Tracy how she can help her with library duties.
R: Mr. Seaboch keeps an eye on things!

ABOVE: Mrs. Forehand and Mrs. Dorch take a break out of a busy day to share a laugh.

BEGINS WITH TEACHERS

ON THEIR WAY UP

Juniors

Sophomores

Freshmen

JUNIORS

Laura Alford
Lena Andrews
Patricia Andrews
William Armstrong
James Bell
Robert Birge

Billy Bishop
Cynthia Bland
J.R. Boggs
Wendy Boggs

Jackie Brown
Michael Brown
Robin Brown
Dewayne Broxton

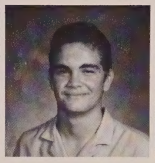
Karen Broxton
Kenneth Bruner
Junior Brunson
Regina Burch
Steven Carter
Troy Cassarotti

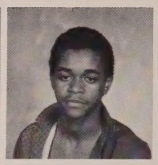
Frank Cianelli
Vickie Cook
Robert Cullins
Neil Denton

Tina Eaton
Melissa Ferguson
Cheryl Fuller
Brent Gallaway

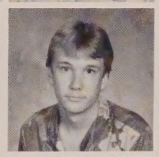
Michael Gilley
Jason Haddock
Brad Hall
Evelyn Hammock

Howard Helms
Gary Hewett
Nancy Hockman
Renna Hogans
Zerry Hogans
Jimmy Ingram





Bryson Kirk
Angie Knight



Kelly Kriner
Linda Lewis

Cindy Locke
Dennis Locke
Ronald Mathis
Laura Maxwell

Eric McDonald
Kathleen McLean
Larry Miles
Scott Miller

Penny Miner
Frank Morrell
Calvin Oliver
Scott Owens

Cindy Locke
Miss Funday

Stacey Wasson
Junior Homecoming Attendant

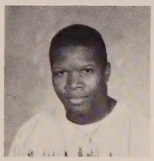
CLASS OFFICERS

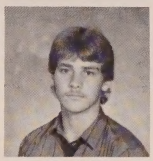
We, the Junior Class of 1987, have worked very hard to make ours the best class ever. Through various fund raisers we were able to raise enough money to sponsor a prom for our graduating seniors. In many ways we surpassed; in a few ways we failed. But more importantly, we kept trying and did our best. This is what reaching for excellence is all about.

Left: Sec. Kathleen McLean, V-Pres. Amos Troublefield, Pres. Robin Brown

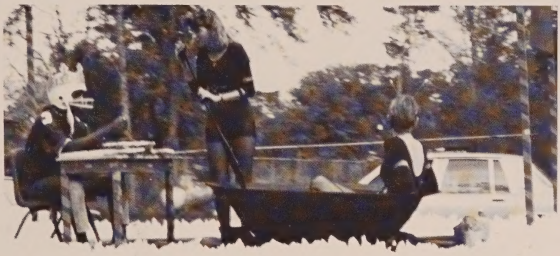
Right: W. Sapp, M. Whitehurst, G. Patterson, B. Brown

CLASS SPONSORS





Channell Padgett
Boris Peterson
Jennifer Peterson
Richard Peterson
Lynne Pippen
Red Prevatt

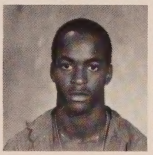


Stacey Redmon
Tamara Register

Missy Riley
James Rittenour

Wilma Rodriquez
Richard Rogers
Sonia Sadauskas
Allen Seley
Ralph Shaffer
Chet Sherrer

David Shipes
Jason Smith
David Stone
Eren Sullivan
Amy Tracey
Amos Troublefield



Tammy Turner
Jerry Waldron
Shedrick Walker
Michael Watkins
Gary Watson
Tracie Weeks

SOPHOMORES

David Abbot
Connie Andrews
Ella Mae Andrews
Tonya Beck
Michael Birge
Richard Bottomlee

Terri Boyett
Trey Brocato
Chris Brock
Tonya Brock
Fredrick Brown
Terence Brown

Tanya Burke
Dana Callais
Rachelle Carter
Rashel Coatney
Sean Collins
Shedrick Conner

Angela Cook
Kelt Cooper
Shirley Culbreth

Micholas Davis
Vanessa Davis
Renee Doughty

Tammy Edwards
Amy Enfinger
Debbie Fry
Andrea Fuller
Tanya Galloway
John Garner

Jerry Gipson
David Green
Wesley Greene
Anita Hagan
Melissa Hagan
Wesley Hall

Jerry Harrison
Landon Hathaway
Stanley Hewett
Steven Hodges
Marico Hudson
Jeffery Jackson

John Jackson
Melanie Jackson

Kathy Johns
Terry Josey

Selena Joyner
Crystal Knight

Steven Lassiter
Rachel Mathis
Melissa Maxwell
Randy McKeithen
Edward Mike
Kim Morrell

Class Officers: Pres. Michelle Satterfield; V. Pres. Melissa Perez; Sec./Tres. Angela Cook

Clifford Owens
Emily Owens
Josie Palmer

Jennifer Pate
Melissa Perez
Sandra Peterson

Stacey Pettis
David Rash
Paul Reed

Bonny Ridener
Rhonda Riley
Dawn Rushing

Michelle Satterfield
Kyle Shaw
David Shelley
Jennifer Shepherd
April Shipes
Michelle Smith

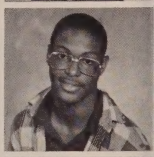
Tiffany Smith
Lori Spirito
Jeri Stone

Tracie Stephenson
Charlie Thomason
David Vanadore

Richard Vathis
Carrie Walker
John Walsingham
Rex Walsingham
Alice Walters
John Warren

Stacie Williams
Micheal Wood
Bill Wright

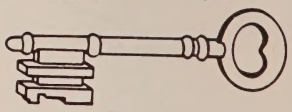
Keith Wright



Doug Yates

David Yarbor

"Upward and onward" could well be the motto for this year's sophomore class. Feeling cocky, now that they have left the stigma of being a lowly freshman behind them forever, they became the first sophomore class to elect class officers and assess class dues to help cover the upcoming expenses of being a junior. This forward-looking planning and preparation should launch them on the road to excellence.



FRESHMEN

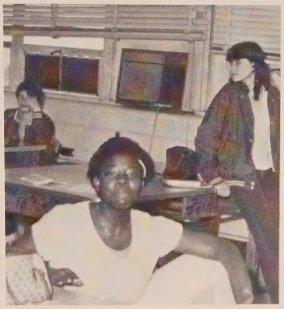
Drexyl Andrews
Mark Armstrong
Niki Armstrong
Kenneth Barnes
Angela Bell
Jon Biggs

Eddie Bourkard
Lee Boyett
Shawna Boyett
John Bradshaw
Paula Brown
Roderick Brown

Sabrinia Brown
Sonji Brown
Tammy Broxton
Larry Bruner
Tracie Brunson
Allen Burch

James Burke
Chad Burns
LaShay Bush
Cindy Carroll

Gary Cask
Jennifer Chase
Arthur Cheverie
Wilfred Collins



Rebecca Cullins
Henry Cutting
Jason Daniels
Tonya Davis

Tracey Deurling
Janice Dorch
Merisha Duty
Elizabeth Garich

FANTASTIC FRESHMEN

Melba Harcus
Steven Harcus
Tonya Harrison
Aaron Hogans
James Hogue
Jamie Holley

Toni Holley
Jennifer Jackson
Twan Jackson
Willie Jackson

Charlotte Kelley
Jennifer Kerr
LeeAnn McDonald
L'Tonya
McDonald

Patricia McLean
Tony McLeod
Peter Miller
Holli Mitchell
Charles Moore
Randy Morrell

Tracie Morrell
Anthony Morris
Jill Morris
Acchai Nickerson
Jenny Owens
Rena Padgett

Gregory Paul
Cyrilla Peterson
Grace Peterson

Tangela Peterson
Eric Pettis
Kim Pettis

Wayne Potter
Caveen Raybourne
Denise Register

Quinton Riley
Ravaughn Riley
Angi Rudd

Kevin Stufflestreet, Pres.; Allen Burch, V. Pres.; Jenny Owens, Sec./Treas.

Penny Scott
Kevin Segers
Carl Seley

Lisa Sexton

Custis Sherrer

Tammy Shreffler
David Simmons
Robert Simpson
James Spence
Paula Stricklen
Kevin Stufflestreet

Kristen Sullivan
Tracy Tarter
Lillie Taylor

Terra Thibes
Bobby Tillis
Scott Turner

Steven Tyre

Michelle Waller
Darrell Weeks
Melisswa Wells
Ryan White

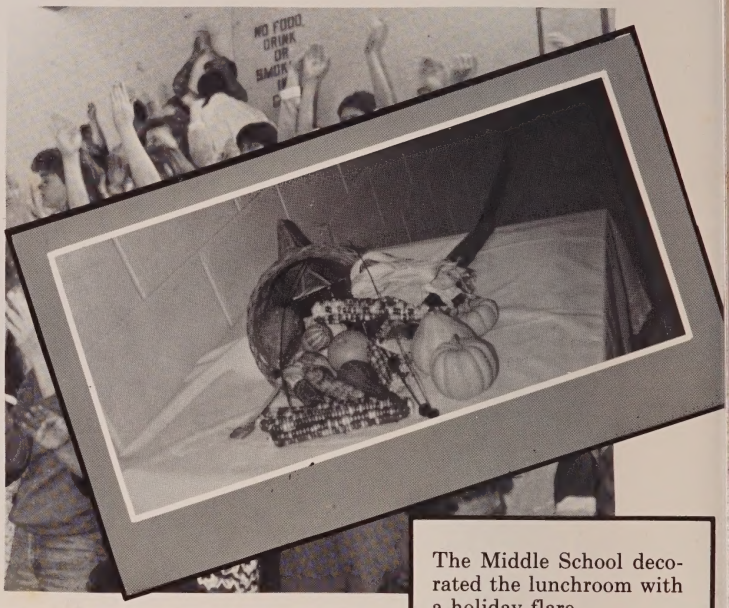
John Works
J.N. Worthington
Charles Young

The freshmen class of 1987 has come face-to-face with challenges but they have met them head on. Missing the advantage of attending our new middle school, they plunged into Vernon High with little knowledge of what was before them. They were given the responsibility of choosing their own classes and they also began to see the importance of good grades. We wish them the best of luck.

THE MIDDLE SCHOOL

The Year

This year marked the beginning of Vernon Middle School. For 7th and 8th graders, this was a major effort in reaching for excellence. Although housed within VHS, the students used the back hall and adjacent classrooms. Most of the faculty transferred from VHS, but a new principal, Mrs. Ruth McCrary, and a new guidance counselor, Mrs. Willie Mae Cook, made up the administration. One new teacher, Mrs. Janice Graves, was added to replace Mr. Phil Flater, who transferred to CHS to become their new principal. Some of the major benefits were their own clubs, athletic teams, competitions and mascot — the Black Panthers.



The Middle School decorated the lunchroom with a holiday flare.

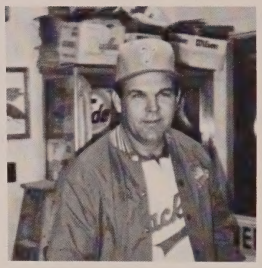
Administration

Mrs. Ruth McCrary took on a very big responsibility this past year. She fulfilled the job of the first Vernon Middle School principal.

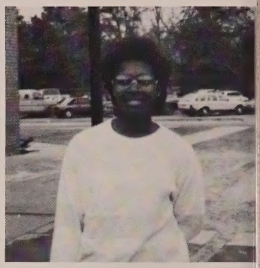
Mrs. Willie Mae Cook, was there to help the students with their problems, large or small. Whether it was academic or personal, students looked to her for advice.

PEGGY ADAMS: SOCIAL STUDIES

LEWIS ALFORD: PHYSICAL EDUCATION/BASEBALL



PRISCILLA BROWN: PHYSICAL EDUCATION/MS-VOLLEYBALL



MARY CHOLERTON: ENGLISH

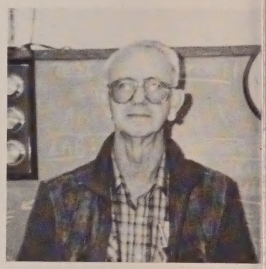
FREIDA COOK: PRE-ALGEBRA/CHAPTER 1 MATH

JANICE GRAVES: PRE-ALGEBRA/CHAPTER 1 MATH

CORINE PETERSON: AIDE

TOM PRIMM: SOCIAL STUDIES

REIGN SHIPLEY: LIFE SCIENCE



SABRA SHORES: CHAPTER 1 LANG. ARTS/LANG. ARTS

JUDY TISON: SECRETARY

LINDA TYRE: ENGLISH

Teachers offer more than mere subject matter. As club sponsors, coaches, and advisors, they are often as involved in school affairs as students are. Our teachers take a lively concern in students as individuals, while challenging us to develop our potential and reach our goals.

IN MEMORY OF JOHN BROWNLOW

John Brownlow was born December 4, 1972. He was cherished by his grandparents Henry and Dillie Day. John tragically died on February 15, 1987. A fine student and wonderful person, he was loved by his family and friends.

As roses bloom and roses die
So too our souls must one day fly . . .
To meet their maker face to face
And share with Him a greater place.

Above the clouds beyond the rain
There is a world that knows no pain . . .
And here we'll meet with those we love
Who've gone to be with God above . . .

Our grief and tears will fade away
As we too share this bright new day . . .
We'll walk among the flowers there
And find new joys to give and share.

EIGHTH GRADE

Casey Abbot
Misty Alderman
John Anderson
Alexis Andrews
Brian Andrews
Greg Andrews

Whitney Barfield
Barbara Bell
David Bell
Angelica Bill
Donald Bouton
Jimmy Bradley

Brandi Bright
Michael Brinegar
Niki Brock

Terry Brock
Chris Brown
Deilo Brown

Demetrius Brown
John Brownlow
Regina Broxton
Sheila Brunson
Johnny Buckley
Ralph Burch

Terry Burns
Greg Bush
Mark Bush
Casey Carter
Kyle Chestnut
Steven Cheverie

James Coatney
Mariah Coatney
Corina Cross
Darrio Davis
James Davis
Joy Dennis

Nicole Dittrich
Zack Dixon
Selena Dorsey
Tina Dorsey
Carrie Duty
Lynn Easterling

The 8th grade participated in many activities this school year. A trip to Farley Nuclear Plant and the Washington County jail were among the several excursions they enjoyed. These trips and other school activities helped to make their school year complete.

Keith Edwards
Teresa Ferguson

Richard Finch
Kerri Goodwin

Harold Green
Jeremy Haddock

Marcus Haines
John Hall
Ann Hammock
Greg Harcus
Joann Harris
Joe Harris

Earnest Hogans
Sheron Hogans
Melissa Hogue
Daniel Jackson
Marvin Jenkins
Michelle Jenkins

Timothy Jenkins
Drexel Joyner
Nick Kolmetz
Kevin Land
Vickie Leavins
Steven Lee

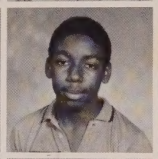
Tanya Lee
Virginia Locklear
Julie Love

James Marlowe
Reid Marshall
Jason Mcgee

Summer McKeithen
Janine Miles
Randy Miles
David Monroe
Scott Myers
Lillie Nettles

Charlotte O'Neal
Michelle Outler
Norman Parrish

Pam Perkins
D'angelo Peterson
Paula Peterson



Stephanie Pettis
Latrelle Reno
John Reyes
Elisa Roche
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Roy Stephens

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Jonathan Taylor
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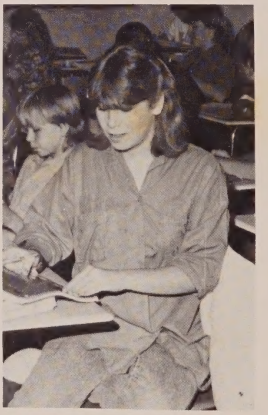

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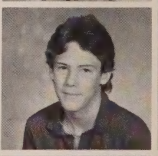
Chris Tyre
Sandy Vaughn

Shane Waller
Eric Walsingham
Scott Ward
Sarah Weeks



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Charity Worthing
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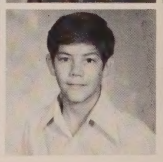
George Yeatman



SEVENTH GRADE

Kim Adkinson
Angela Alford
Nancy Alford
Brandy Anderson
Darrell Andrews
Kenny Andrews

Roger Andrews
Stephen Birge
Nadine Blount
Karen Bottomlee
Danny Bouton
Scott Boyett

Kenny Brantley
Kerry Brantley
Marcus Brock
Shawana Brown

Tolisha Brown
Carolyn Bruner
Brian Bullivant
Phillip Cates

Jeremy Coatney
Terry Coatney
Trenard Conners
Jeannie Corliss

Mark Cotton
Teresa Crawford
Antonio Davis
Sharnon Dean

Treva Denton
Micheal Duke
Stacey Edenfield
James Everett
Kevin Finch
Mary Finch

Steve Folmar
Terry Galbreath
Mark Garich
Tonia Gilley
Faye Griffin
Nina Haddock

Buddy Hagan
Chad Hall
Daniel Hall
Tony Hall
Marie Harcus
Ronald Harvey

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Shawn Hill
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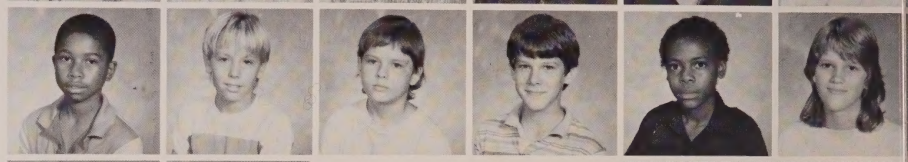

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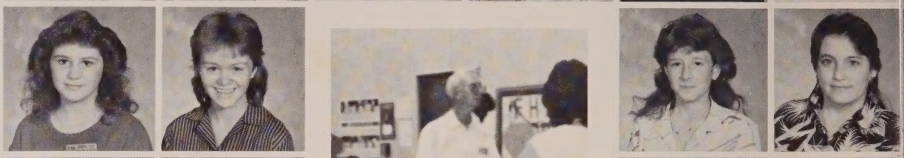
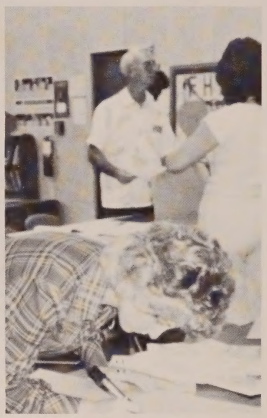




Kari Mahoney
Crissy Marlow
Melinda Mendoza
Charles Mike

Tiffany Minchew
Shelby Mineer
Lorraine Momberger
Laura Moore

Angel Morrell
Angela Myers
Larry Nettles
Melanie Owens
Markus Paridon
Matthew Pate

Dede Peterson
Karen Peterson
Stephanie Peterson
Tasha Peterson
Trina Pettingill
Karen Pettis

This year's seventh graders became the first class to enter Vernon Middle School, and they did it with a bang. They set another record, too, by being participants in the first Jr. Math Olympaid which was hosted by Vernon High School. Other activities included a science fair at Tyndall AFB, and a tour through the Jr. Museum in Panama City.

Could they be hinting for a change? These glowing middle school students seem to feel their importance. VHS BEWARE!!!

Carla Pipkin
Denice Potter

Mary Reyes
Dawn Rogers

Sharmin Roger
Jason Rudd

Stacey Rushing
Joseph Sawicki
Micheal Sheehan

Selena Siples
Shane Smith
James Spirito

Anthony Strickland
Robyn Strickland

Tonya Stuckey
Kristen Swartz

Randy Thames
Jerome Troublefield

Kim Turner
James Vickers
Bertha Walters
Dawn Walters
Stephen Weeks
Norman Wells

AN EXCELLENT

IN

Organizations

Clubs and organizations are needed to provide students a variety of activities besides schoolwork. Many of these clubs, such as F.E.A, F.F.A, and F.B.L.A. help us prepare for our future careers. Student Council allows our leaders to experience leadership. All of these organizations gave students and teachers a chance to get together and plan many enjoyable activities.

Preparing for the parade.

National Junior Honor Society Induction

Bottom L to R: C. Pipkin, K.Pettis, P. Lambert, M. Sheehan, 2nd: L. Momberger, T. Peterson, C. Lehman, W. Jenkins, F. Cook. Not pictured: K. Swartz.

7th GRADE

MATH CLUB

This year the 7th grade math club had only a few students. These students prepared for competition in the Math Conference. Because of their hard work, these students excelled in mathematics. They strove to improve their math skills for the future.

8th GRADE

MATH CLUB

The 8th grade math club worked on various math competitions during the year. The students tutored other students who needed help in math. They also gave mathematical aid to teachers who requested their help.

Bottom L to R: S.Smith, C.Vaughn, R.Stephens, R.Marshall, C.Tyre 2nd: D.Monroe, C.Worthing, D.Thurber, J.Sweigart, L.Wicker Top: J.Graves, M.Bush, N.Kolmetz, P.Joyner, D.Davis, T.Jenkins, K.Chestnut. Not pictured: K.Land, S.Hogans, D.Bouton, B.Bell, B.Bright, S.Weeks, M.Coatney, S.McKeithen.

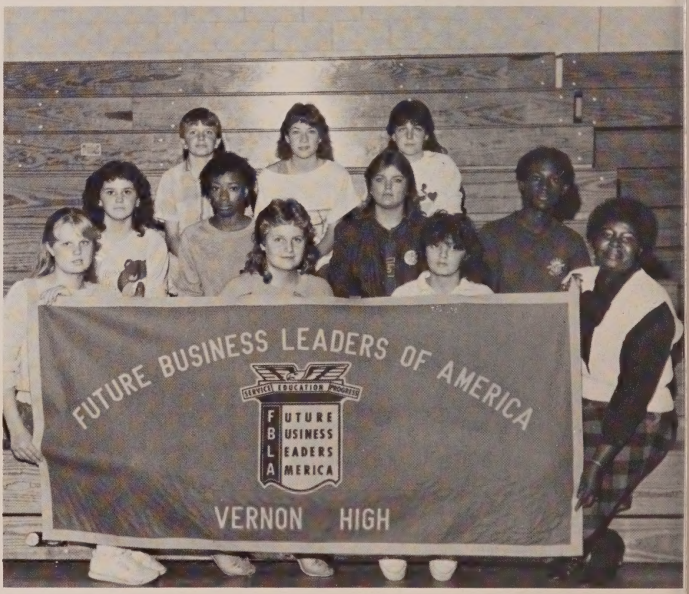
NATIONAL JR. HONOR SOCIETY

Bottom L-R: D.Monroe, S.Hogan, D.Broxton, N.Kolmetz, L.Wicker, D.Davis, K.Chesnut, 2nd Row: C.Tyre, R.Stephens, J.Sweigart, J.Dennis, C.Worthington, B.Bright, C.Duty, M.Coatney, Top Row: R.Marshall, M.Cholerton, S.Cheverie.Not pictured: K.Land

This was the first year for Vernon Middle School's National Honor Society. The new members were inducted by the high school members in National Honor Society. The inductees were chosen for their outstanding character,leadership,school and community service,and high academic standing. Sponsored by Miss Cholerton, the members provided Easter treats for the teachers and served as tour guides for the 6th graders.

JR. F.B.L.A.

Jr. Future Business Leaders of America began its first year at Vernon Middle School. Its members sold candy to raise money for activities such as attending a District 1 Conference for F.B.L.A. in Pensacola at Pensecola Junior College on February 12, 1987. This club promotes knowledge in business skills.



Bottom L-R: S.McKeithen, M.Coatney, N.Dittrich, H.Pittman, 2nd Row: W.Jenkins, R.Broxton, T.Ferguson, D.Davis, Top Row: C.Tyre, L.Reno, A.Alford. Not Pictured: T.Dorsey, N.Haddock

Bottom L-R: P.Adams, D.Bouten, N.Kolmetz, K.Brantley, Top L-R: C.Carter, W.Barfield, A.Bill, R.Stephens, J.Sweigart, J.Dennis, J.Troublefield, Z.Dixon, J.Coatney. Not Pictured: W.Jenkins, J.Sawicki, N.Alford, K.Turner.

JR. STUDENT COUNCIL

The Middle School Student Council was very busy this year. The members sponsored a poster contest for American Education Week, and coordinated the selection of school mascot and colors. Drinks and school supplies were sold during the day to raise money. They offered their help to any and all who needed them.

DRAMA CLUB

Bottom L-R: W.Cook, S.Waler, R.Stone, R.Burch, M.Alderman, K.Turner, 2nd Row: T.Kent, P.Perkins, C.Lehmann, 3rd Row: K.Bottomlee, L.Reno, V.Leavins, D.Thurber, 4th Row: J.Scott, S.Pettis, S.Weeks, M.Outler, Top Row: S.Dorsey, A.Hammock, T.Ferguson, P.Cook, M.Coatney, S.McKeithen. Not Pictured: N.Blount, K.Pettis, C.Pipkin, L.Moore, C.Duty, V.Locklear, M.Hogue

Whether hamming it up or portraying the serious side of life, these members of the VMS Drama Club put their heart and voices into it under the capable direction of Mr.Kinney, a volunteer, and Mrs.Cook.

HISTORY

CLUB

Thanks to Vernon Middle School's History Club, everyone will remember what happened during the year. Sponsored by Mrs. Shores, the members kept a scrapbook of information on school year activities.

L to R: N.Haddock, K.Mahoney, W.Jenkins, D.Peterson, M.Brock, R.Harvey, T.Brown, J.Coatney, P.Lambert, K.Pettis, S.Weeks, C.Pipkin, K.Swartz, T.Crawford, K.Adkison, T.Gilley, T.Kent, L.Moore, C.Lehmann, A.Morrell, S.Shores. Not Pictured: A.Alford, T.Denton, T.Conner, K.Brantley, S.Dean, S.Smith, K.Peterson, S.Rushing.

JR. LIBRARY

CLUB

Bottom L to R: T.Coatney, J.Coatney, L.Momberger, M.Alderman, S.Rogers. 2nd: D.Monroe, C.Tyre, M.Owens, T.Minchew, B.Bell, J.Ausley. Back: G.Harcus, C.Duty, M.Harcus, S.McKeithen, N.Brock, N.Kolmetz. Not Pictured: T.Gilley, M.Sheenan, L.Reno, K.Land.

These students from Vernon Middle School were a big help to the library. They took turns serving as library aides during their activity period.

MEMBERS: C.Abbot, P.Adams, M.Alderman, A.Andrews, B.Andrews, B.Bell,A.Bill, S.Birge, B.Bright, M.Brinegar, N.Brock, T.Brock,C.Brown, D.Brown, R.Broxton, S.Brunson, J.Buckley, T.Burns, T.Carroll, C.Carter, K.Chesnut, J.Coatney, M.Coatney, C.Cross, D.Davis, J.Davis, N.Dittrich, K.Donigan, S.Dorsey, C.Duty, L.Easterling, J.Graves, G.Harcus, J.Harris, E.Hogans, S.Hogans, M.Hogue, M.Jenkins, D.Joyner, S.Lee, J.Marlow, J.McGee, S.McKeithen, J.Miles, R.Miles, S.Myers, C.O'Neal, P.Perkins, D.Peterson, L.Reno, W.Rogers, L.Russell, J.Scott, R.Stephens, J.Sweigart, J.Taylor, D.Tillis, C.Tyre, S.Vaughn, S.Waller, S.Ward, L.Wicker, S.Weeks, D.Works, C.Worthington, G.Yeatman, V.Locklear, T.Jenkins, D.Zack, V.Leavins, M.Joy, J.Love.

2000 CLUB

Vernon MIddle School's 2000 Club set out to walk 2,000 miles before school finished. They achieved this goal by walking during their activity period. They hoped that this experience will improve the students' and teachers' health.

Bottom L-R: L.Miles, B.Hall, S.Miller, M.Hogue, T.Zurica, M.Cone, 2nd Row; M.Crawford, S.Sanders, B.McCaskill, V.Cook, C.Locke. Top: D.Lloyd, R.Carter, C.Yates, B.Pettis, Not Pictured: P.Cushman, J.Dybdal, K.Galloway, T.Lewis.

APPLE COMPUTER CLUB

This is the first year for Vernon High School's Apple Computer Club. A national club, dealing with high school computer students everywhere, held a graphic program competition in which some of our students participated. Sponsored by Miss Lloyd, the members were involved in a six-weeks project dealing with computers. At the end of the year, all of the members received a certificate of participation.

N.H.S.

Bottom L to R: G. Hewett, L. Walters, N.Vincelli, L. Jenkins; 2nd row: K. McLean, S. Sadauskas, S. Owens, T. Brock, T. Zurica, R. Potter, T. Works, E. Dotson; Back row: A. Troublefield, P. Turner, J. Harris, B. Pettis. Not pictured: P. Miner, C. Potter.

The requirements for National Honor Society were raised this year. To qualify, the inductees had to maintain a higher grade point average (3.5 GPA) and demonstrate leadership, character, and service. National Honor Society helped sponsor many worthwhile activities throughout the year.

MU ALPHA THETA

Mu Alpha Theta is a national honorary organization that promotes mathematical excellence at the high school and junior college level. Members assisted with the Mathematics Invitational Tournament sponsored for the middle school students in the area.

Left: Math Faculty. Above: 1st row: S.Sadauskas, S.Cheverie, T.Deurling, K.Land, R.Marshall; 2nd row: R.Coatney, A.Enfinger, C.Carroll, K. Chesnut; 3rd row: M.Perez, M.Satterfield, C.Brock, D. Yarbor, M.Harcus, J.Swiegart; 4th row: D.Rash, A.Cook, L. Walters, R.Peterson; 5th row: N.Kolmetz, J.Daniels. Not pictured: M.Hogue, N.Vincelli, K.McLean, S.Armstrong, T.Eaton, S.Hewett, M.Maxwell, P.Miller, A.Nickerson, L.Pippen, C.Tyre.

PAPERSTAFF

L to R: S.Owens, T.Hogans, R.Potter, S.Nelson, C.Potter, K.Broxton, P.Miner, E.Dotson, T.Works, L.Jenkins, C.Chambers. Not shown: T.Weeks, B.Bush, M.Watkins, T.Simmons.

The Jacket Sting provided students with the latest scoop in school news, fads, fashions, songs, and gossip. The festive atmosphere in the staff room belied the hard work that went on there under the supervision of Miss Brown.

Bottom L to R: S.Sadauskas, T.Harrison, P.Scott, M.Tharpe, T.Turner, J.Brown, V.Coleman; 2nd row: R.Carter, A.Knight, A.Cook, S.Culbreth, S.Hewett, C.Peterson, C.Fuller; Back row: R.Schaffer, M.Galbreath, P.Turner, M.Harcus, L.Rodrigues, B.Brown, L.Pettis, R.Bottomlee. Not pictured: W.Hall, L.McDonald, S.Anderson, K.Bain, B.Wells, C.Carroll, M.Duty, B.Garrich, A.Walters, R.White, A.Tracy.

LIBRARY CLUB

Members of this club were very special. Without them it would have been difficult for the library to operate. They served as door monitors, assisted at the circulation desk, and magazine checkout. They shelved books, prepared bulletin boards, repaired books, filed materials, assisted with the computers, video camera, and closed circuit broadcasting.

STUDENT COUNCIL

This year's student council started off the year by selling M&M's, roses and carnations for Valentine's Day, and sponsoring a dance. They gave money to the Adam Walsh Foundation for Missing Children. Some members traveled to Tallahassee and Apalachicola to attend district meetings. When asked how Student Council relates to "reaching for excellence," Mr. Pennington, the new sponsor, replied, "Student Council is developing programs to help establish responsibility and creativity in its members, who are the leaders on campus. Then excellence will be an example to all the other students."

Front L-R: A. Tracey, S. Sadauskas, P. McLean, R. Coatney, K. McLean, A. Troublefield, T. Works, 2nd Row L-R: E. Dotson, C. Chambers, T. Lewis, A. Burch, M. Brown, 3rd row L-R: D. Jackson, K. Broxton, A. Enfinger, J. Pate, M. Satterfield, Top row L-R: Mr. Pennington, M. Gilley, N. Vincelli, R. Brown, A. Cook. Not Pictured: P. Miner, J. Holley, P. Cushman, A. Rudd, K. Stufflestreet.

F.B.L.A.

Bottom L to R: D. Jackson, T. Davis, J. Peterson, T. Peterson, C. Chambers, E. Dotson, K. Broxton, T. Hogans, 2nd Row L to R: Miss Brown, B. Wells, M. Hogue, A. Shipes, T. Brock, S. Owens, C. Carroll, 3rd Row L to R: J. Brown, K. McLean, S. Anderson, M. Harcus, T. Zurica, J. Morrell, T. Lewis, Top L to R: N. Vincelli, B. Pettis, T. Simmons, L. Jenkins, M. Tharp, J. Dybdal, M. Cone, Not Pictured: B. Conners, S. Wright, J. Peterson, G. Paul, F. Smith, P. Cushman

Some of the Future Business Leaders of America's goals are to develop competent, aggressive business leaders. They want to strengthen the confidence of students in themselves and their work. To raise money they sold M&M's and raffled a harvest basket. During National Education Week members gave the teachers apples. The whole club creates more interest in and understanding of American business enterprises.

F.F.A.

Bottom L to R: J. Brownlow, D. Tillis, R. Stevens, S. Lee; 2nd Row L to R: Mr. Tison, J. Bradshaw, D. Yarbor, S. Lassiter, A. Tracy, J. Worthington, H. Cutting, J. Taylor; 3rd Row L to R: D. Shelley, N. Parish, S. Waller, B. Bishop, V. Coleman, S.Anderson, B. Wells, C. Young, L. Bruner; Top Row L to R: G. Cook, C. Thompson, J. Harrison, L. Hathoway, R. Prevatt, J. Harris, G. Watson, R. Carter. Not pictured: D. Abbot, S. Armstrong, N. Brock, R. Burch, K. Galloway, D. Stone, R. Stone, D. Yates.

The Vernon Chapter of Future Farmers of America began their year by sending five members to the State Convention in June. Throughout the school year the VHS Chapter competed in many contests such as: Forestry, Poultry Judging, Dairy, Livestock, and Ag. Mechanics. Memebers placed in many of these contests. Fund-raisers such as a car-wash-a-thon, magazine and calendar sales helped provide the means for their many activities. "By planting the seeds of opportunity, cultivating ambition and determination, FFA members are reaping the rewards of success and excellence. While learning by doing, FFA members are developing personal qualities of leadership, citizenship, and cooperation, and preparing to excell in over 200 high tech careers in the Agriculture/Agribusiness industry." — Mr. Tison

FHA

The objective of the Future Homemakers of America was to help individuals improve personal, family and community living. Their activities focused on individual growth, preparation for family life, development of occupational skills and careers, and participation of youth in today's society. As they worked toward the accomplishment of their goals, they learned cooperation, took responsibility, developed leadership, and gave service. F.H.A. members sponsored many activities such as: The Lift of Love, Candy-Gram sales, and the Christmas Party for New Hope Nursing Home. In reaching for excellence, certain members achieved recognition in the District I Proficiency Events.

Bottom Row: E. Roche, T. Sheffler, M. Hogue, K. Morrell, A. Mashburn, T. Holley, A. Walters, A. Hagan, Mrs. Sapp, 2nd Row: D. Register, J. Chase, J. Scott, P. Perkins, L. Lewis, C. Duty, C. Padgett, T. Weeks, L. Pippen, Top Row: S. Boyett, T. Register, C. Fuller, B. Garich, K. Barnes, N. Hockman.

Bottom L-R: K. McLean, C. Potter, T. Hogans, T. Works, T. Peterson, T. Brock, 2nd Row; Mrs. Howell, S. Sadauskas, L. Jenkins, L. Walters, A. Cook, M. Riley, R. Burch, 3rd Row: F. Cianelli, N. Vincelli, S. Owens, E. Dotson, A. Troublefield, S. Miller, M. Brown, Top Row: J. Brown, B. Pettis, R. Shaffer, R. Ball, G. Hewett, T. Simmons, Not Pictured; S. Anderson, P. Cushman, K. Broxton, S. Owens, P. Miner, S. Hewett, S. Armstrong.

F.E.A.

Future Educators of America was one of Vernon High School's new clubs. This club used to be Youth Education Association. F.E.A. consisted of students from grades 10-12. F.E.A. started out the year with the Red Cross Blood Drive. Many units of blood were collected from the students, faculty and members of the community. F.E.A. also had a Christmas Party for the Headstart children. With F.B.L.A., F.E.A. gave a Valentine's Party for VES kindergarten. At the end of the year, scholarships were awarded to four graduating senior club members.

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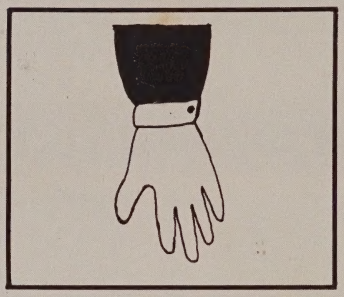

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IT'S A MATTER OF "PRINCIPAL"

We salute Mr. James F. Russ, Jr., an outstanding example of excellence as a community leader and citizen, an educator and a person. Even though he officially retired as principal of VES in 1985, he has continued to serve his native community through the Adult Literacy Program and many civic, church and community programs.

A native Washington Countian, he graduated from VHS in 1942, served with the Army Air Corps in WWII, received his BA degree in education from the University of Florida in 1950, and his MA degree in supervision and administration from Troy State University in 1972.

Listening is an art in which he excells.

1943: A younger Mr. Russ served as a ball turret gunner during 35 bombing missions in WWII.

Mr. Russ' philosophy is that "One should set worthy goals and then do all within his power to attain these goals while adhering to high ethical and moral standards."

His educational philosophy, "A teacher creates something out of his mind, his heart, and his spirit that will not rest until the product attains wholeness, purpose, goal," set the standards which he strove to achieve.

As one former student who was inspired by him to become a math teacher, said, "Mr. Russ portrayed the degree of dedication and natural aptitude necessary to make an outstanding math teacher and educator in our society. Even now he continues to display these dedicated characteristics in his daily life."

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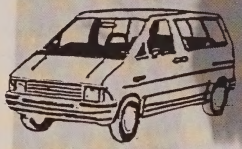

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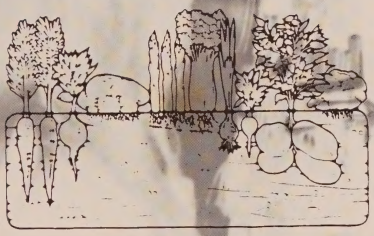

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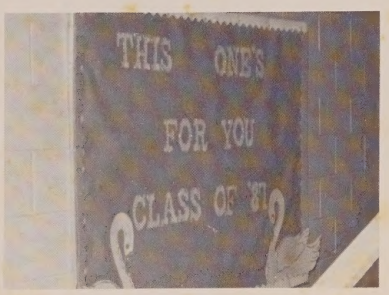

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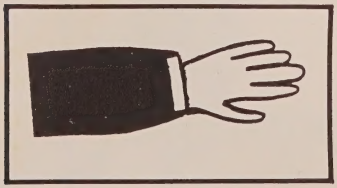
The yearbook staff worked very hard this year. The year began with many new changes such as new advisors and a new company. Also, we used computers to type in the copy for the first time. The entire staff attended a workshop in the fall. The students showed their dedication by finishing up the yearbook during summer vacation.

Our co-editors.

Wayne Kelley operates our computer.

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